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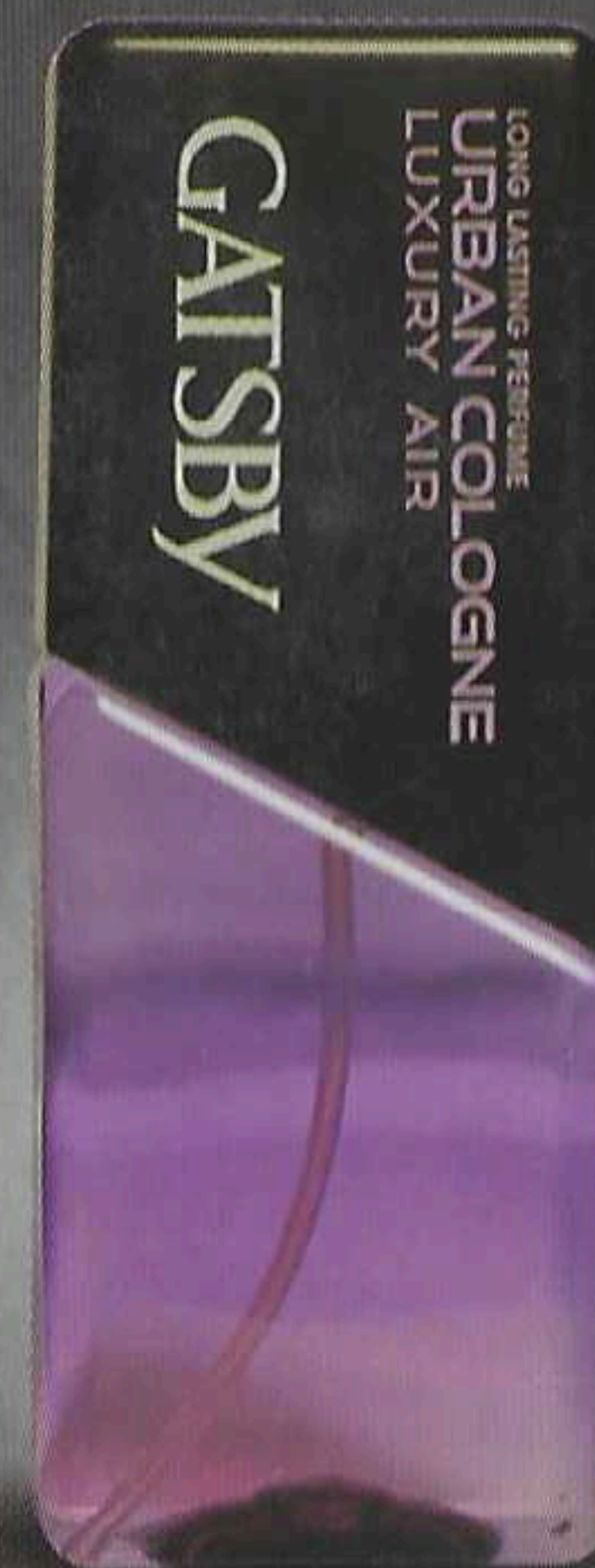
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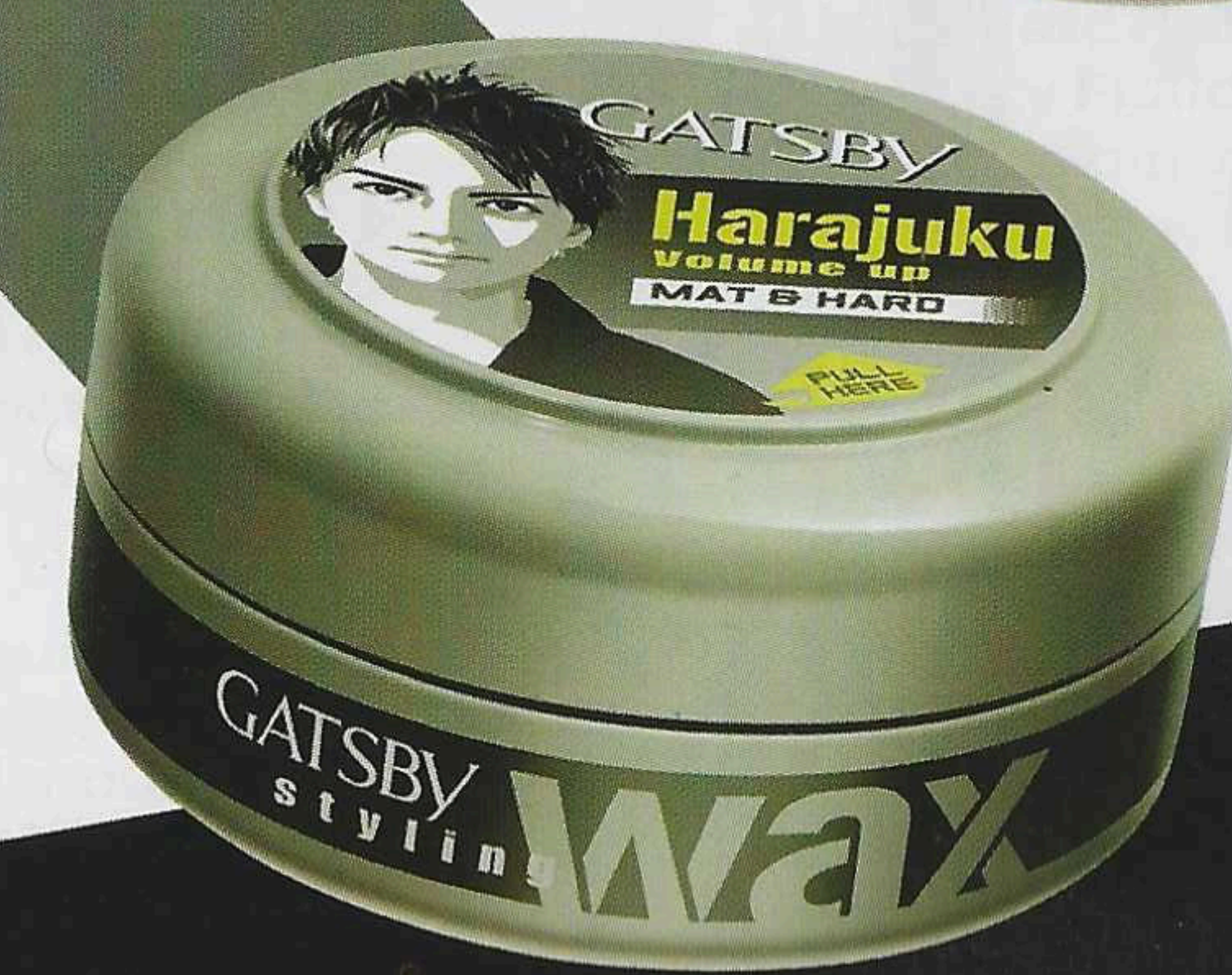
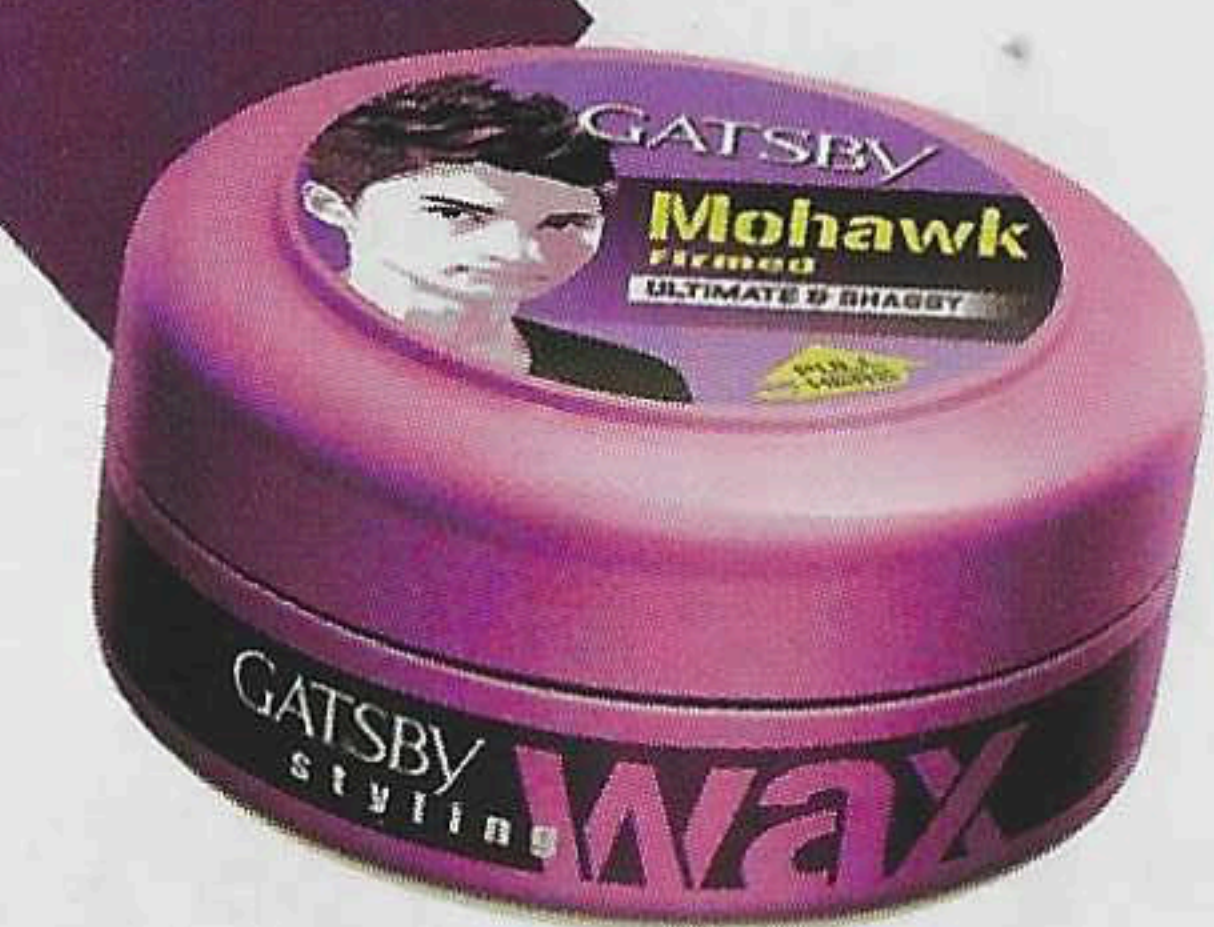
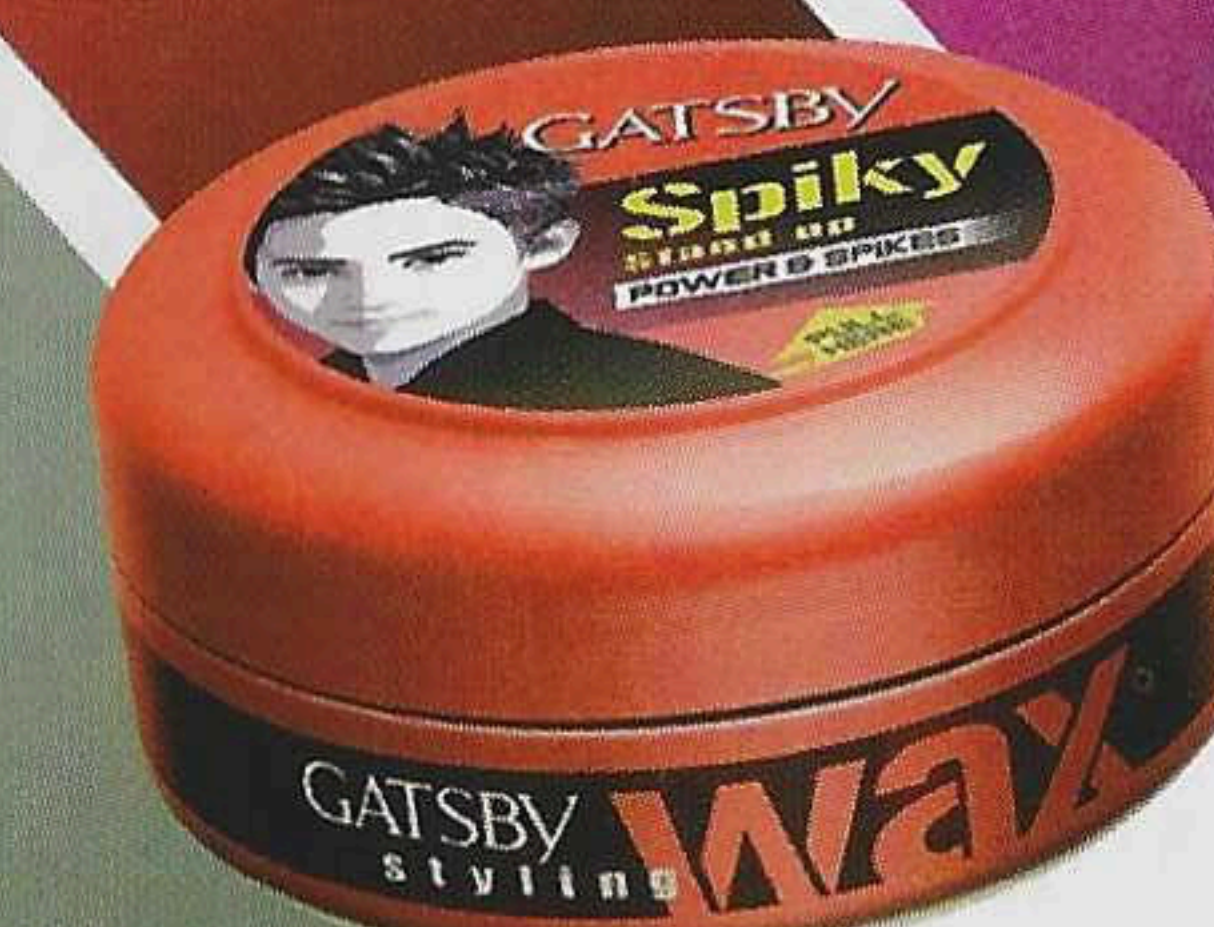
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Kawaii issue once again! School has never been so cute~ That's right, doubling as our back-to-school issue, we at OA are here to kawaii-fy you!

Also, we'd like to thank everyone who supported and came to our FIRST event last May 16. Such an experience. [GM] Kanddy

CONTRIBUTORS QUESTION:

What is your favorite part during O-kun Fiesta?

That Hestia cosplayer.
-James Bayot

When attendees started gathering near the stage ^^ it showed there how a lot of people attended (yay!) and enjoyed the program ^_^v
-Elaine Rose Palaruan

When a lot of people looked like they enjoyed the event. It showed that everyone's work paid off. That and meeting the cosplayers who stayed around our assigned stations.
-John Robert Lim

When Liui presented the Best Male Costume of the Year. He said to the audience, "nakakita lang kayo ng bagong gwapo nakalimutan nyo na ako". (referring to Kristian Vibal) The crowd went wild, I went wild too, lol. I loved it. :) They're both cute.
-Dhanliza Cellona

Baggage Counter? no seriously...I encountered and got to know many individuals just at that one corner of the con. Many people surprisingly loitered around the area and there was never a boring moment. Some of them actually became my fb buddies.
-Mikelle Abubo

Friends dropping by the baggage counter area. Seeing them in the event made Unlimited Baggage Works less stressful for us.
-Nathaniel Angeles

When we get to interact with contestants at the tech area (and we cheer them on at times) xD plus when the audience was asked if they want another O-kun Fiesta and they screamed yes!
-Aaren Areli D.G. Santos

I loved the fact that we all got together (met and even laughed together over silly jokes) to make this event a success!
-Ann Carmel Flores

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INBOX

Hello Otaku Asia! ^_^

First of all... thank you for featuring Vocaloid as your cover for the November-December issue ^_^
Nagulat talaga ako nung nakita ko to sa bookshelf kaya rush sa pagbili.
Dahil doon. Nag-drawing ako ng Delusion Tax Miku as a thank to you guys. ^_^
Thank you po sa pagiging hard working niyo!!!! Keep up the good work! ^_^

-Joshua Baltazar



Hello Otaku Asia...Can I request if it is okay to cover Rental magica as your next anime issue .

-Itsuki Nadeshiko

Hai O.A.A.M,

I love your magazines Omg <(^3^)/
I only collected 2 magazines ... Sooo Uhh..The fanarts in the magazine inspire me to make something heheh~~!
Its my first time to make a fanart or send to chu~ I'm embarrassed
Cuz First Time >~<

This is Fiel or Fi From No Game No Life Chibi Style

-Ace Espenilla



Hi Otaku Asia! I'm looking forward for the next issue of your mag. First mag ko kasi yung year ender niyo haha!

Anyways, here is my drawing of Hatsune Miku from Vocaloid, hope you like it! :D

Again, thank you for your wonderful mags.

-Kyle Cortez



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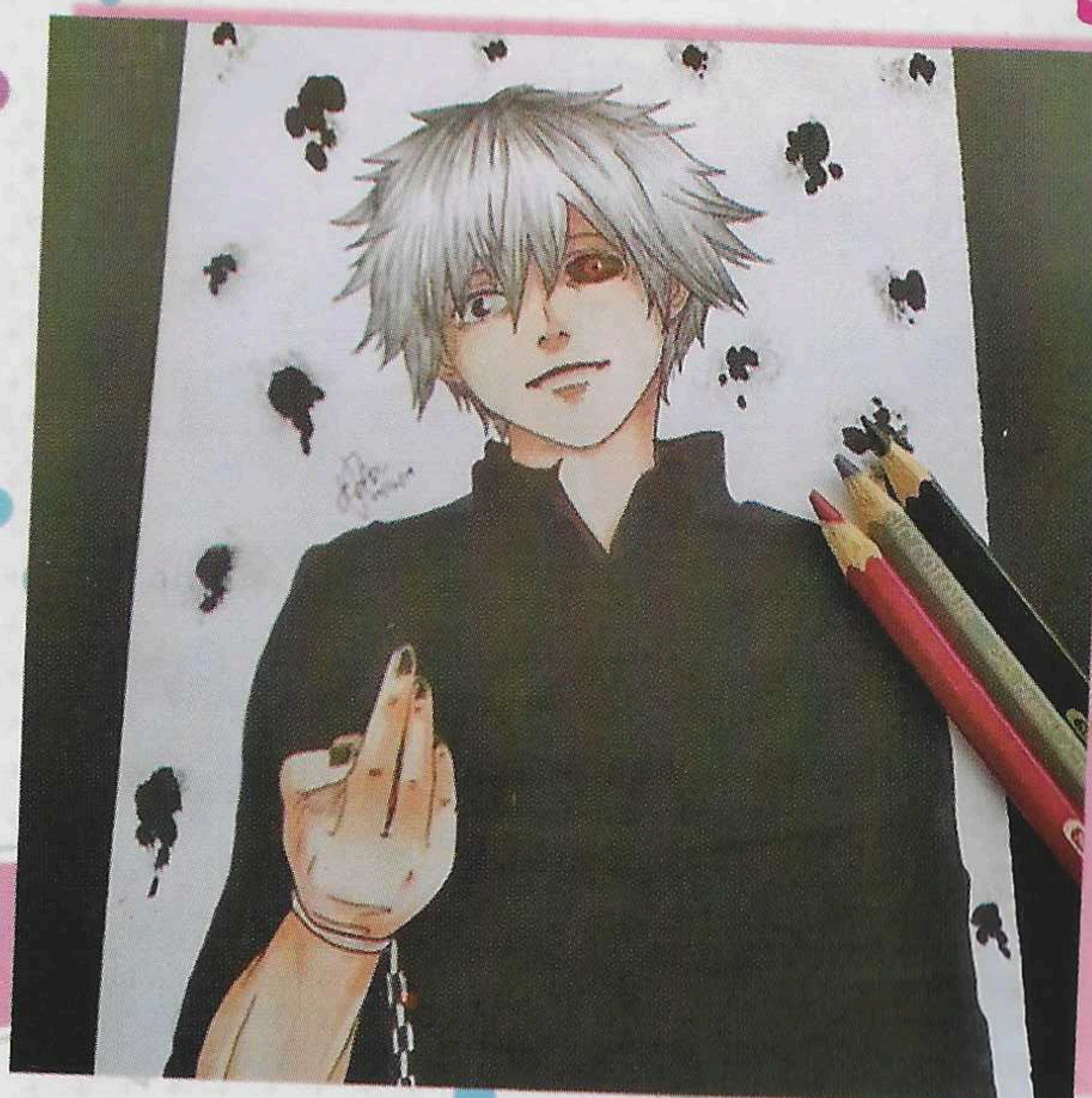
Thanks for featuring mekacucity actors and Tokyo ghoul they were my favorite animes!! I'd like to request a review or a cover feature if possible for Hunter X Hunter 2011 it just recently ended. Since I'm a gamer PLEASE ONEGA!!!! Feature Disgaea after noon of darkness or dark hero days or even Grand chase!!!

Any how thanks for listening to me >.< Lots of power to all A.O staff especially Kanddy-San, Yani-San, Almadel-San, and Ren-San ARIGATO!!!! ^_^

-Chakari Ambubuyog



-EpicMeep Luvs CHUouo



Konnichiwa Otaku asia mag. staff~! I just found out about this magazine and it's my first time buying one. I got the Amagi Brilliant Park issue. :) I sure wish that I knew about this magazine earlier... If so, I would've bought the Tokyo Ghoul issue sigh... Anyway, I still love it and I look forward for the next issue~ I hope you'll cover Akame ga Kill or Ao Haru Ride next <3

By the way, a special mention to the cutie die-hard-fan of Captain Levi, Shanelle and a fellow weird otaku friend, James. Also to the one who's obsessed with Natsu Dragneel more than I do, Pat. Stay cool guys!

Here's my drawing of Kaneki Ken from Tokyo Ghoul~ I hope you guys like it!

- Catherine Purisima



Konichiwa Otaku Asia ^^
Like your mags so far ^^
Pwede po ba pakifeature Absolute Duo next issue? Arigato gozaimasu <3

-Joshua Papauran

Hello there Otaku Asia staffs! It's my first time sending a letter to you guys..and I want to say that I love your mag soo much I've been collecting it for almost five years now. And i thank you guys for your hard work in producing this mag.. anyway I'd like to say hi to my otaku friends especially Kim Tomaro

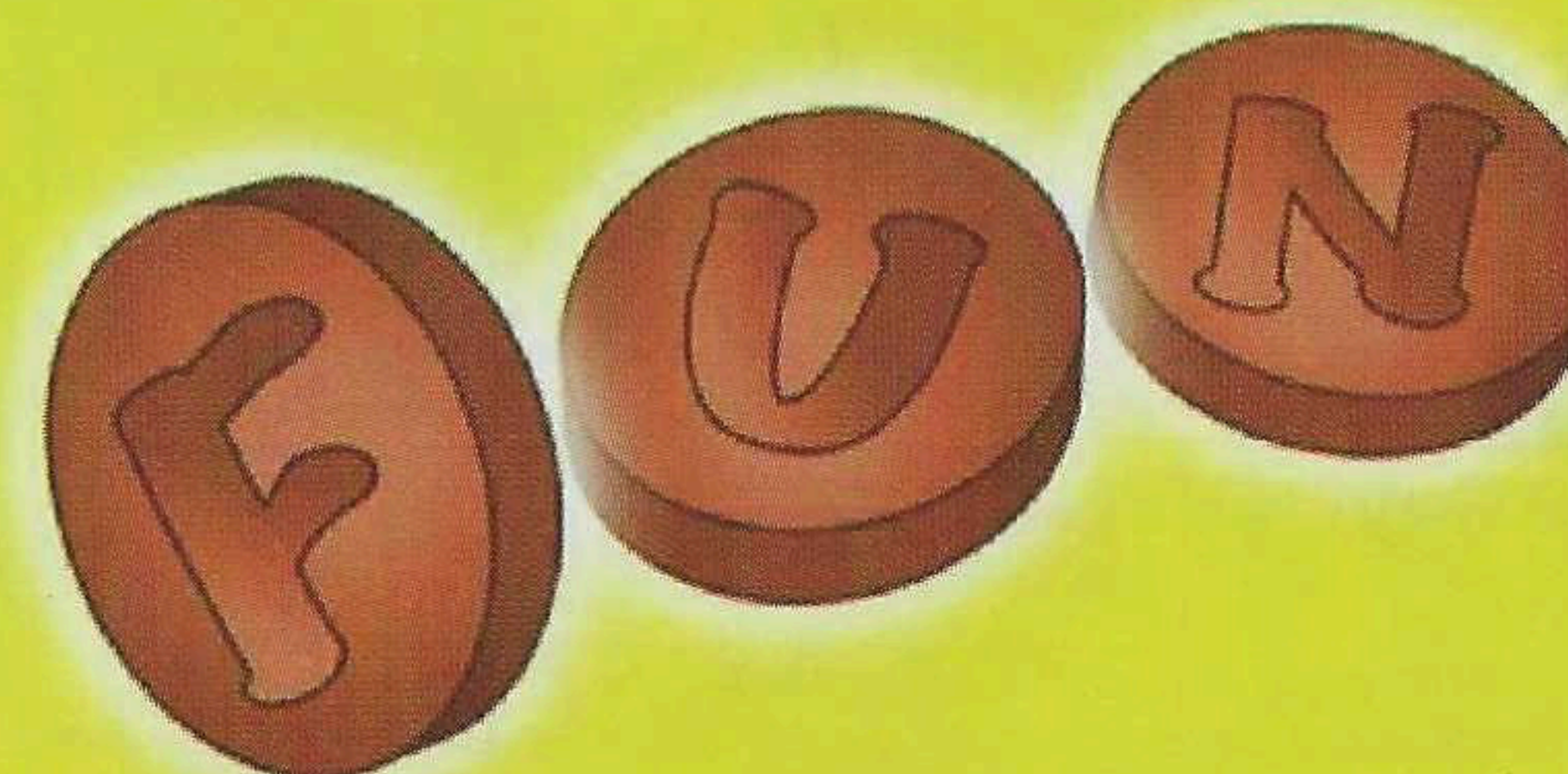
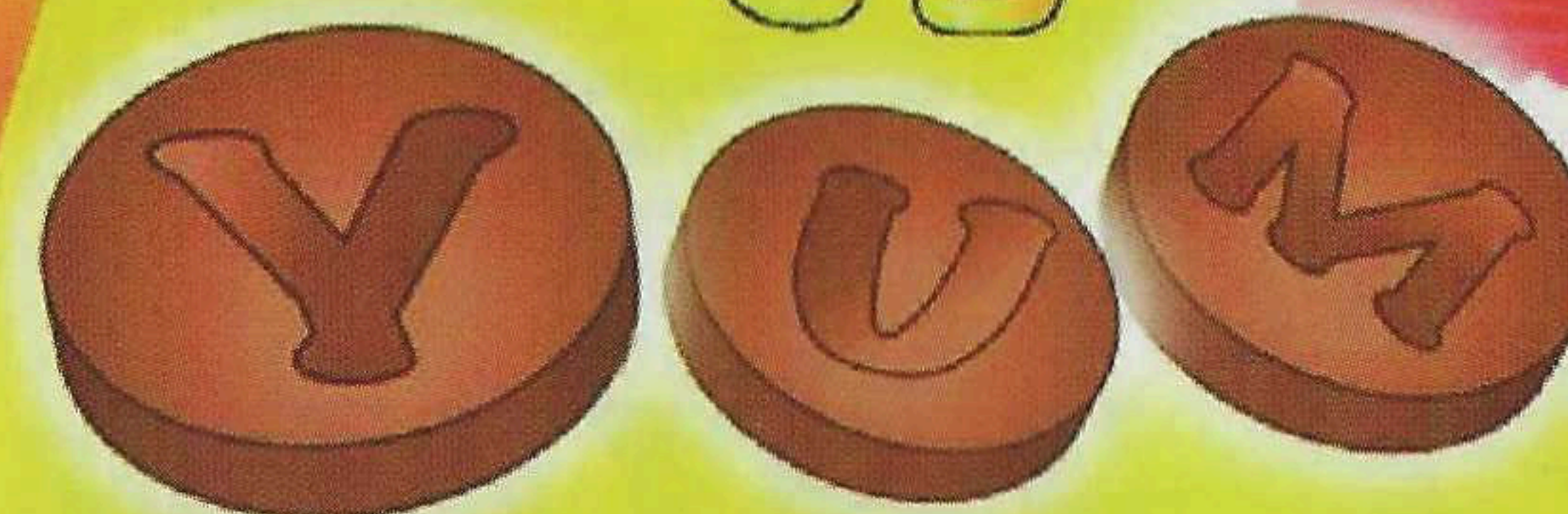
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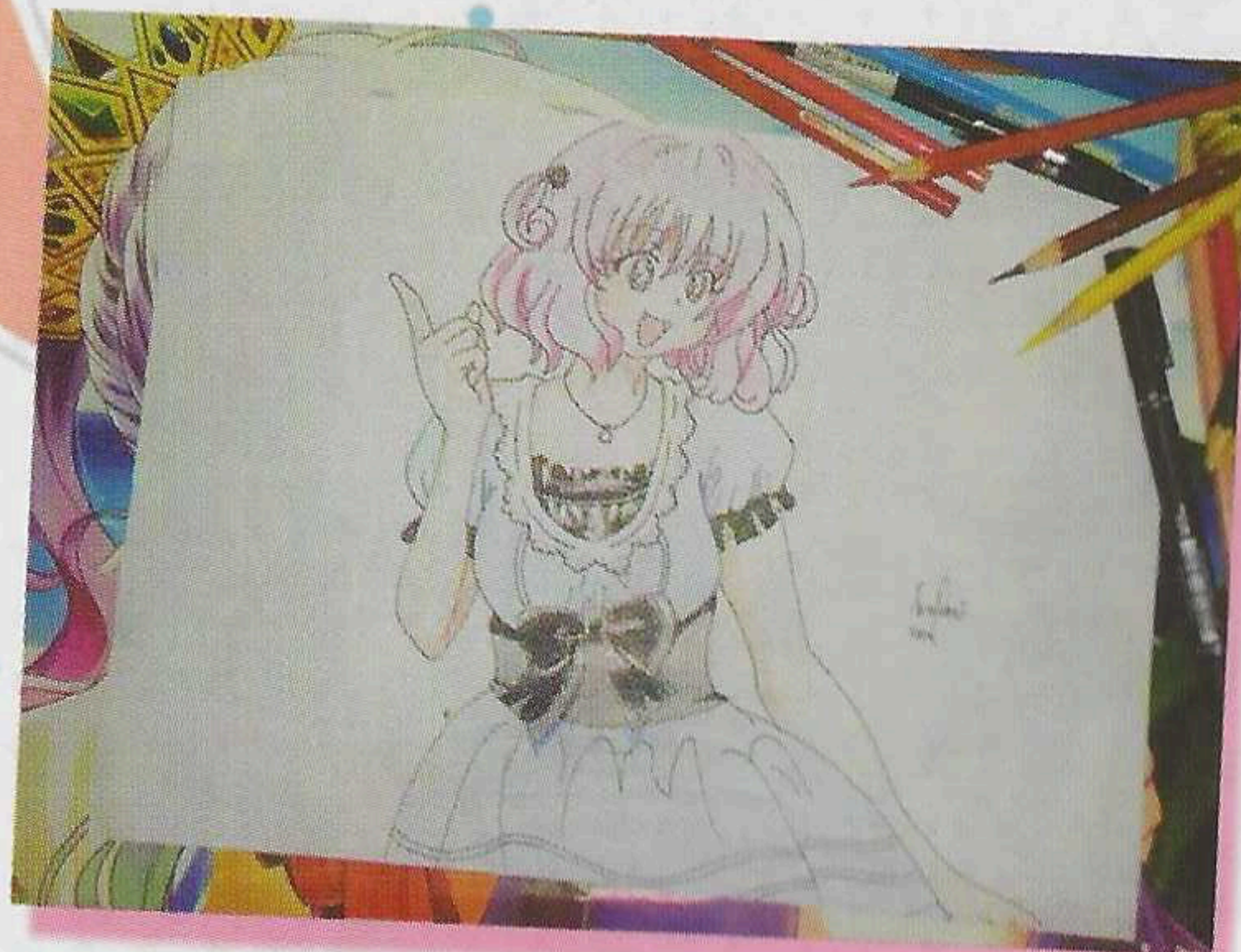
-Maryll Delposo

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ello OTAKU ASIA!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Tadaaaaa! I completed your magazines! yeah! Thank you for featuring my favorite ANIME! especially BLEACH! GENSOMADEN SAIYUKI! GINTAMA (Liui-kun) xD, TOKYO GHOUL! and many more >///<, I love you desu! more mags to come! God bless you OA <3 w <3

from my kokoro desu!
Kaiji Senpai,
I hope you notice me!

-AJ Hitsugaya

Hello Otaku Asia! I just wanna tell you how happy I am to have this mags with me kahit nung October 2014 lang ako nagstart mangcollect. Although kinakapos sa budget, I see to it na nakakabili ako ng mga mags niyo. Ghaaad! Pababalik balik talaga ako sa Pandayan para lang tingnan kung may issue na. hahaha. Nevertheless, di naman ako napapagod. Can I make a request? PLEASE HAVE A POSTER OF SWORD ART ONLINE II: GUN GALE ONLINE CHARACTERS. Huehue, I just love them. :) thanks and GOD SPEED!

-Regine

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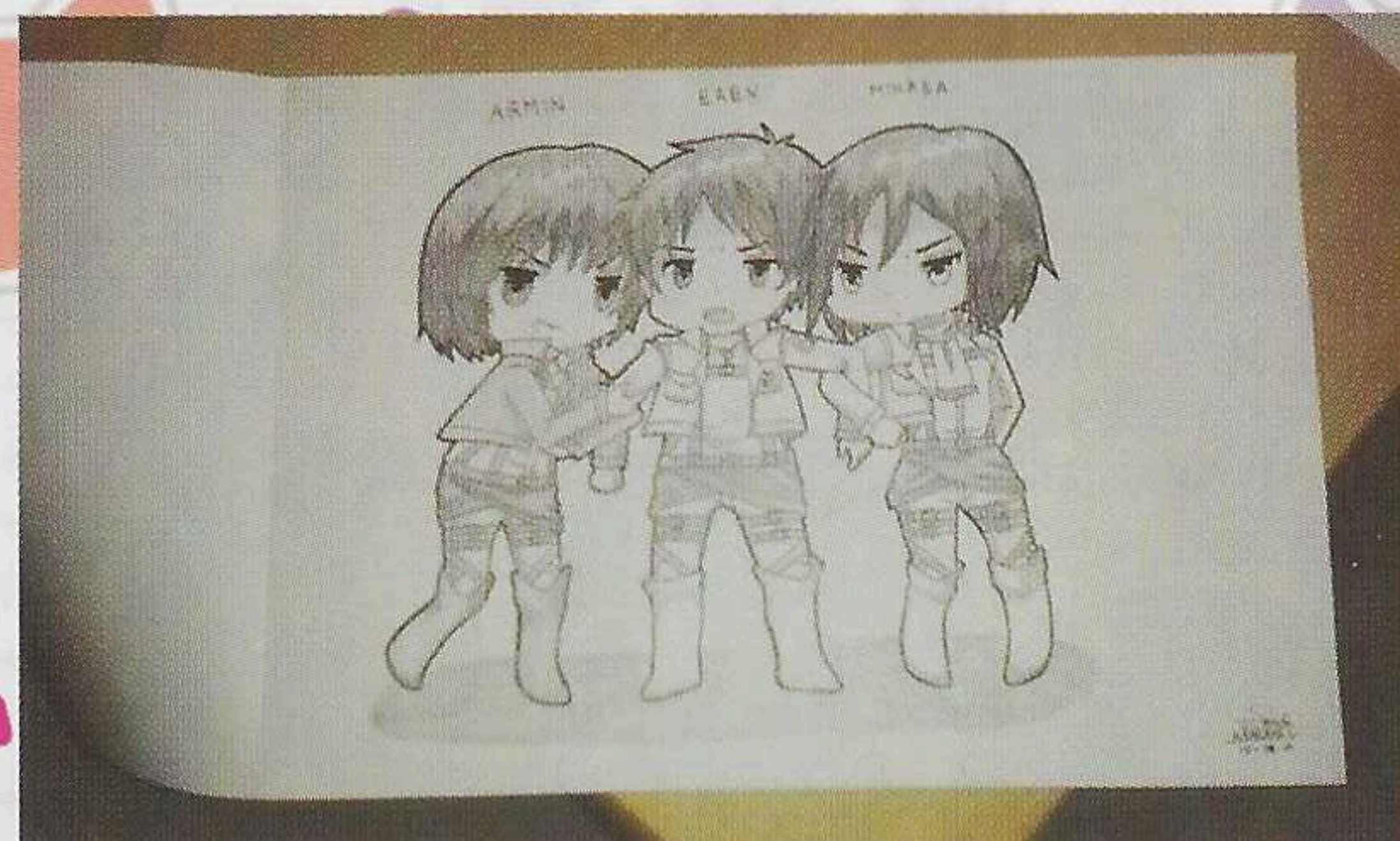
-Shiela Mae Liwanag

First of all, all the issues I've read had surpassed my expectations. It became better and better and I wish my art work will be included in the next issue of your magazines.

I just want to share my tumblr blog
rihocchi.tumblr.com

more power and more buyers I guess

← -Angelo Cortuna



Hi! Sana po kahit isa man lang sa mga artwork ko ma-publish sa susunod na issue ng otaku asia magazine nyo.. At sana po mai-cover nyo rin ang Shingeki no Kyojin "Attack On Titan" dahil isa po yun sa pinaka-dabest na anime na napanood ko. Thank you po! ^^

-Kathlene Lubis

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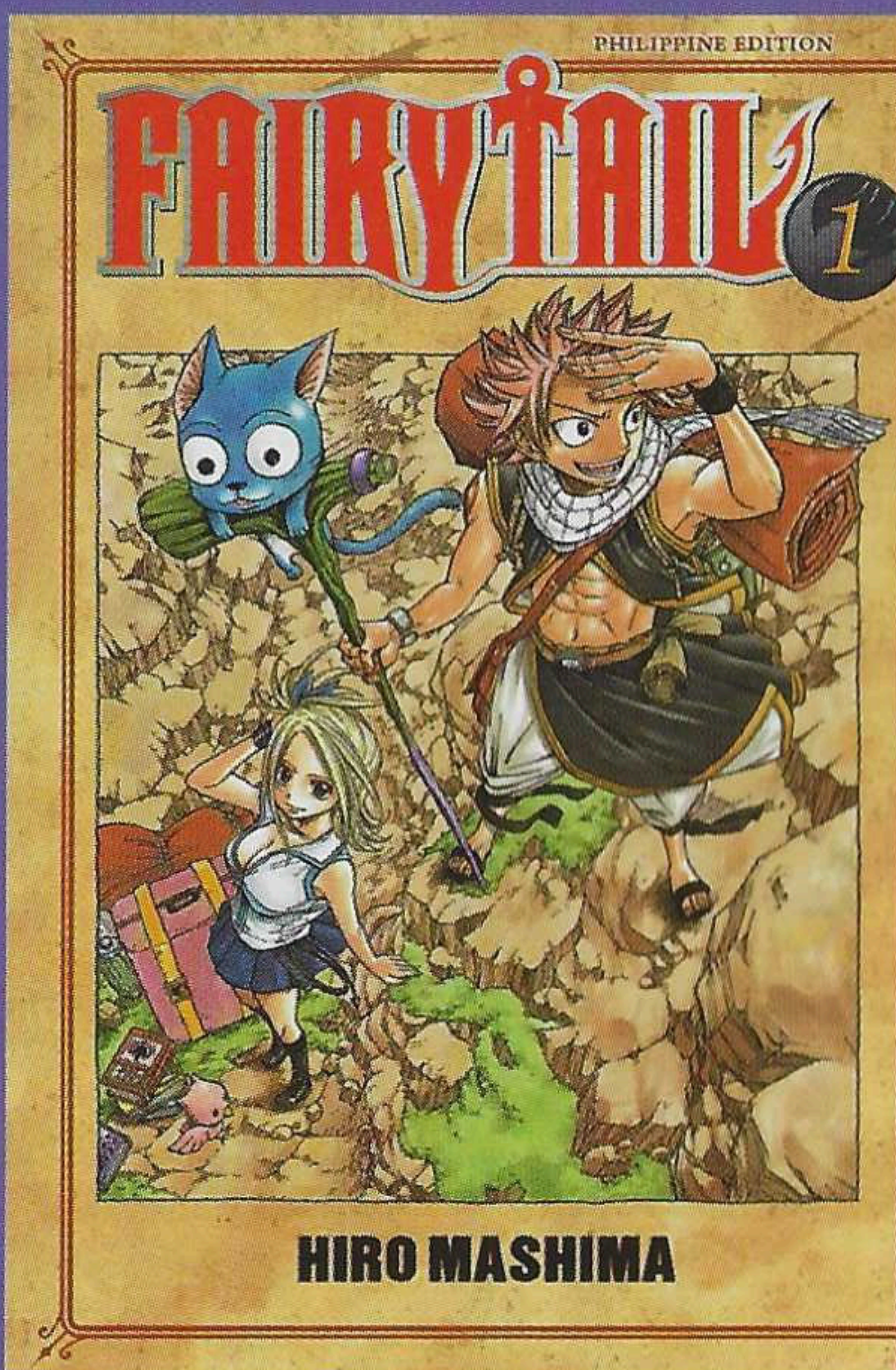


TAGALOG MANGA

by Ann

Language indeed breaks barriers as Viva-PSICOM Publishing releases Filipino translations of the licensed manga series of Fairy Tail and Attack on Titan this June!

Recently, Viva-PSICOM has been making efforts to reach a wider audience to bring in more stories from different cultures, such as we do here. Naturally, these translated manga series was part of the game plan as they bring many of the Filipinos closer to the heroes of the Japanese manga.

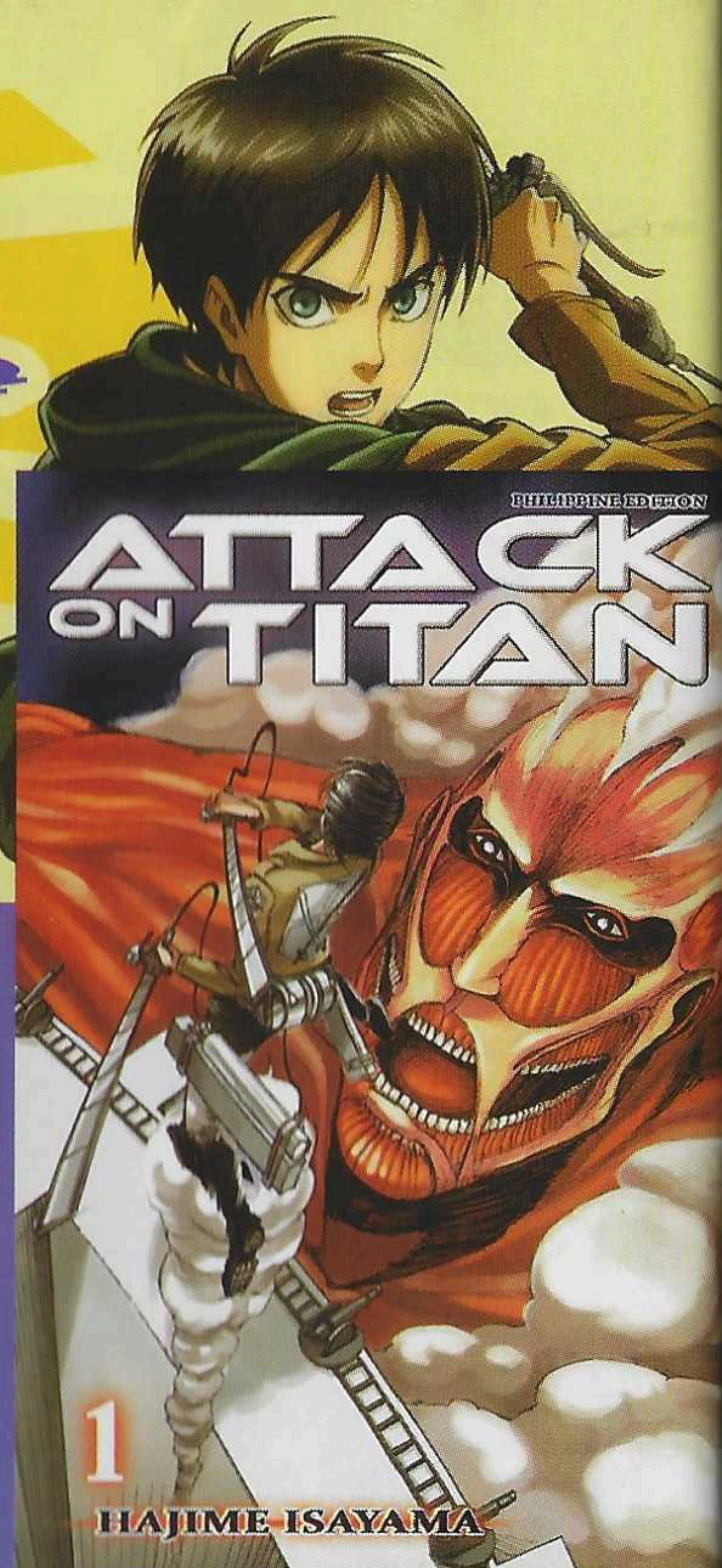


HIRO MASHIMA

With 48 volumes released in Japan and over 25 million copies sold, it is only right for the Filipino fans to see Hiro Mashima's Fairy Tail reaching the shores of the Philippines in their very own language. It was first released in 2006 in Kodansha's Weekly Shōnen Magazine. It is based on Lucy Heartfilia's journey to joining the Fairy Tail guild and trying to fit in to some of the greatest wizards of her time.

Hajime Isayama's Attack on Titan, which has sold over 45 million copies, began under Kodansha's Bessatsu Shōnen Magazine. It was released in March 2010 and has sixteen volumes. Its story follows the battle of the world's last humans and protagonist Eren Yeager against gigantic, man-eating "Titans."

The series will be available exclusively at National Bookstore branches for the price of PhP195 per volume. No need to wait because you can buy your copies now!



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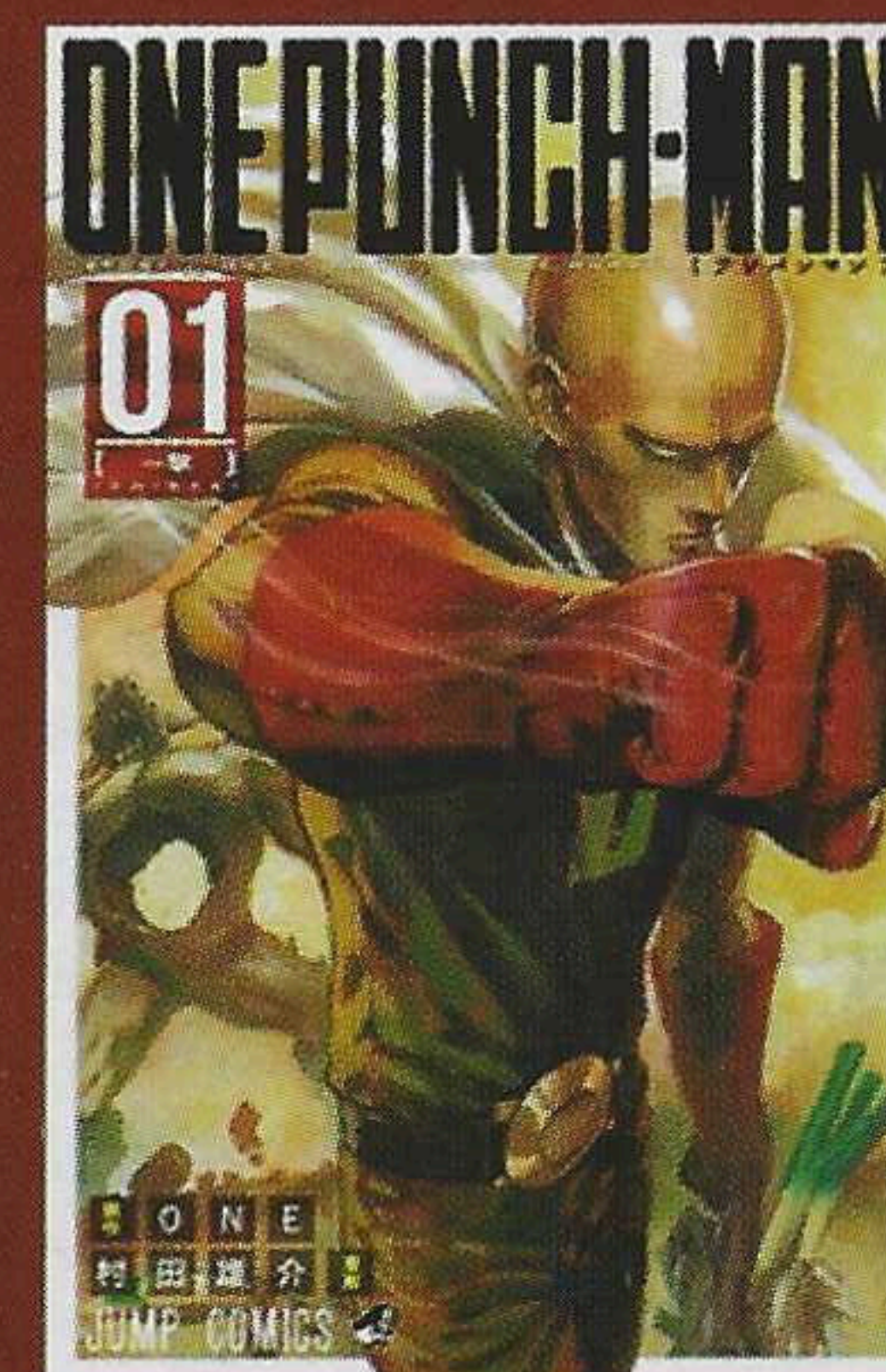


ONE PUNCH MAN

by Ann

The recent loss of Manny Pacquiao in the boxing ring left many angry as one total knockout would have been enough to bring home the bacon for the Filipinos. While the number of punches would have equated to this triumph, one guy is left with the dilemma of defeating his enemies with just one punch!

While his immense power has gotten him bored with not being able to find a good match, he encounters a cyborg who wishes to be his apprentice. After the cyborg convinces him to join a hero association, he ends up in a lower rank than the cyborg! What does he have to do to prove himself as greater and even the greatest of them all? How can he prove the power he worked so hard to attain to the point that he even lost all his hair in the process?



Just this May, Shueisha's Young Jump magazine has announced that One Punch Man is getting adapted into a TV animé this October. Yuusuke Murata's manga, that runs on the spinoff website of Tonari no Young Jump and has already passed more than the 5 million copies, comes the animé with Makoto Furukawa as Saitama and Kaito Ishikawa as Genos. Also, it has Shingo Natsume for the direction, Tomohiro Suzuki for the series composition, and Chikashi Kubota for the character design. This big project is produced by Madhouse Studio.

It might take One Punch to make this knockout but it would take more hits to keep you hooked to the end, so be sure to watch out for this series by October!



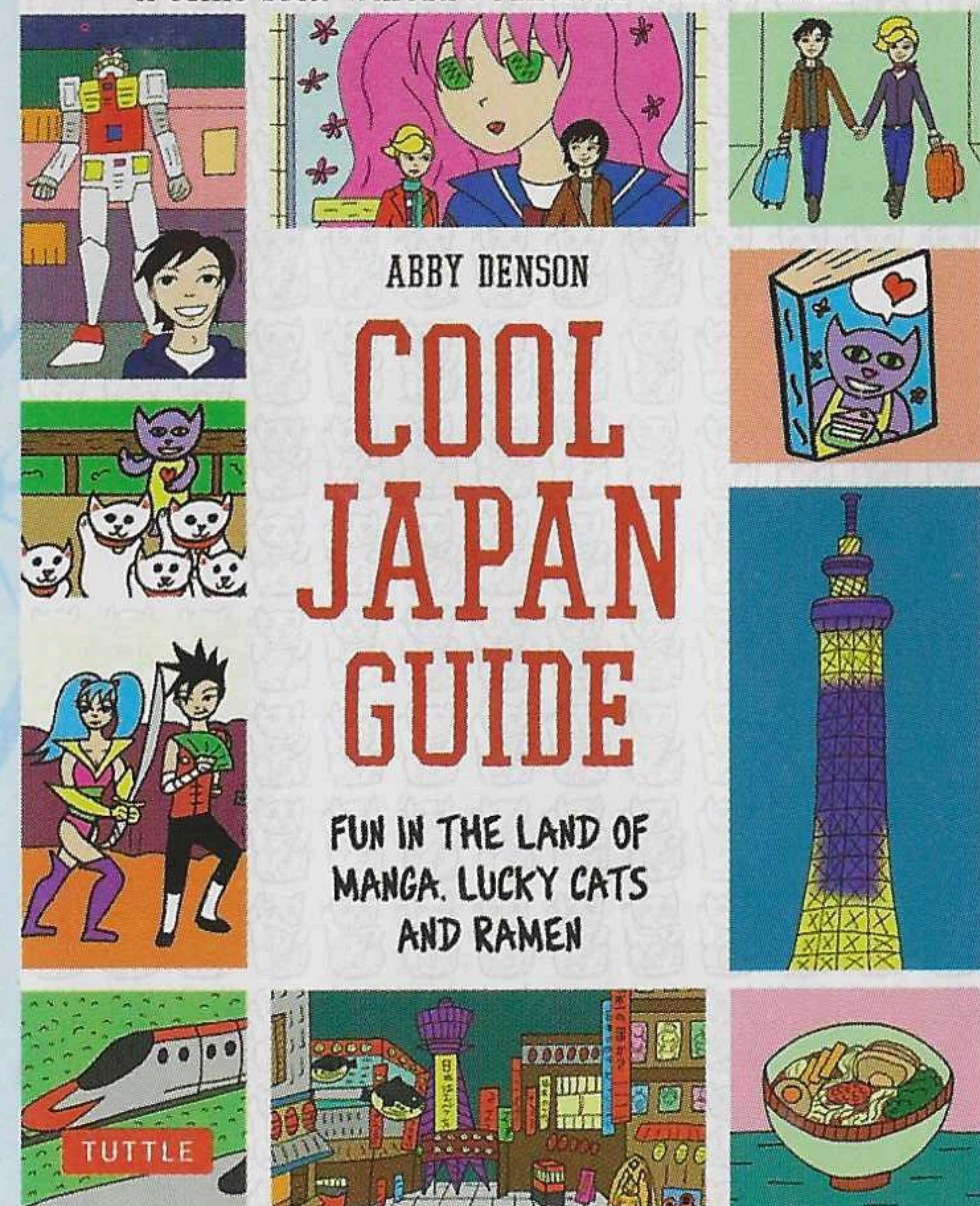
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COOL JAPAN GUIDE

by: lizac 3.0



A COMIC BOOK WRITER'S PERSONAL TOUR OF JAPAN



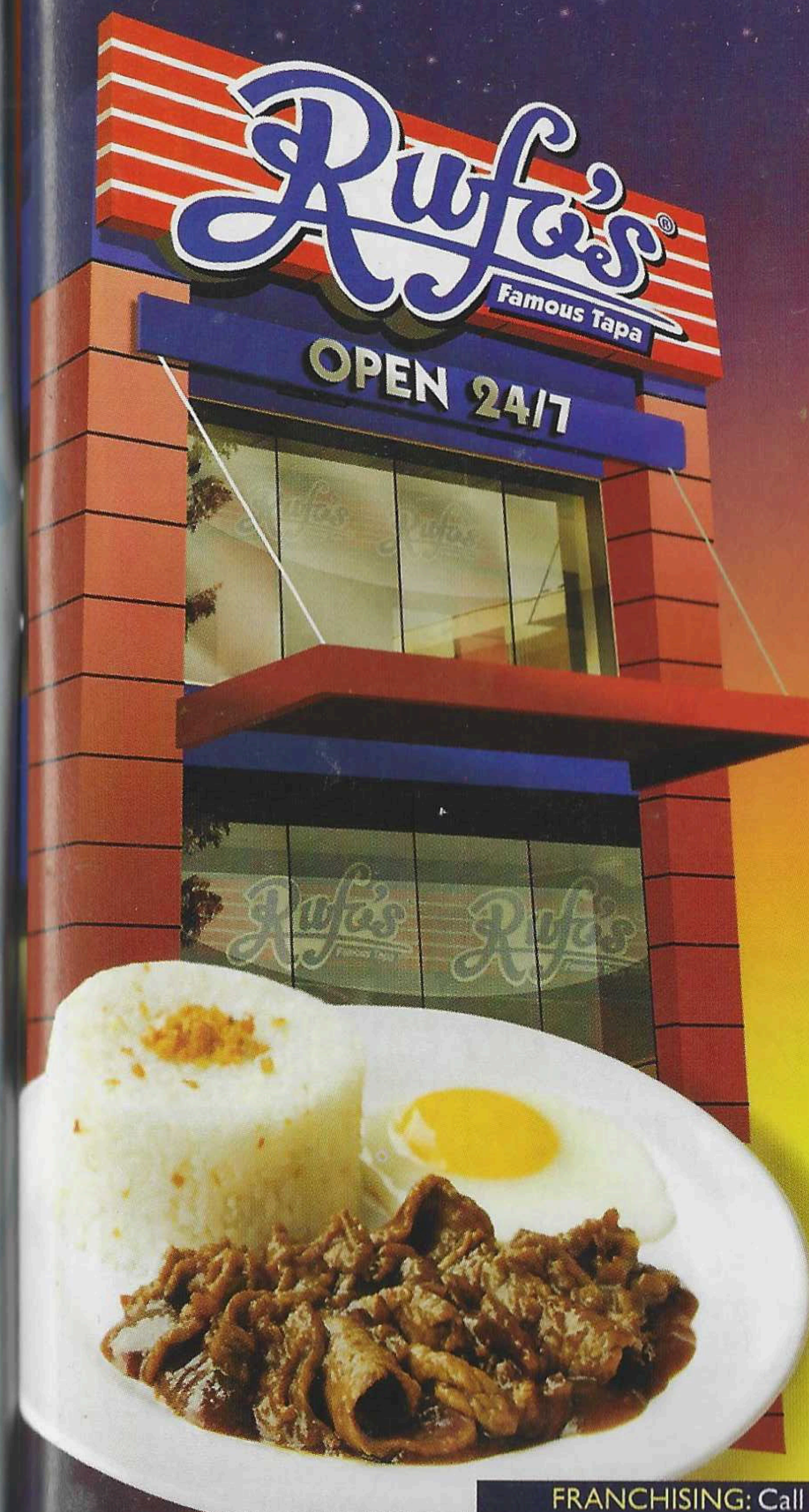
Are you longing to extend your short-lived summer vacation? You don't have to be physically in Japan and spend a lot of money and time to experience some of the good activities there. With this book entitled "Cool Japan Guide" written and illustrated by Abby Denson, you will get to know the finest cultures and coolest places to hang out in Tokyo, Kyoto, and other major cities in Japan without having to move a foot!

Cool Japan Guide as published by Tuttle Publishing in March 2015 is a graphic novel travelogue that lets you explore the cultures in present-day Japan mixed with traditional practices. In full, vivid color, it talks about Japanese food, the anime and manga culture, the ultimate Japanese shopping experience in Japanese convenience stores and department stores, and other major relaxation and recreational activities such as riding the Shinkansen or Japanese bullet train and visiting Zen gardens.

Being a cartoonist and a food blogger herself, Abby Denson allows the readers to see The Land of the Rising Sun from a cartoonist's perspective through this compelling travel guide. Together with the help of Matt, her husband, Yuuko, her friend, and Kitty Sweet Tooth, the sidekick, Abby has created a book that shows both the energy and serenity of Japan. The storytelling through colorful art in every flip of the page will draw you even further to Japan's beauty.

It's officially summer in Japan! Activities are all the more colorful during this season. There are various fireworks festivals in different regions that attract tourists from coming to Japan. Some of the activities that are also prevalent during summertime are sumo tournaments, dance festivals, and shrine visitations where most travelers flock. Does all that sound exciting to you? You can all see these in Cool Japan Guide which definitely lives up to its title.

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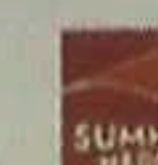
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Summer is almost over but drinking plenty of water is still a must. School and parents have taught us that drinking eight glasses of water a day is the norm. For some, water can be boring and would rather drink softdrinks. We are going to introduce a way to make water more fun and even healthier.

There are many benefits of drinking water such as hydration, skin complexion, flushing out toxins, weight loss and relieve of fatigue. Eating fruits also has a number of health benefits. Together, they improve your mood, are inexpensive, have almost zero calories and taste great!

Fruit infused water can generally be any combination of fruits, vegetables and herbs immersed in cold water.



lemon water and mint

Some restaurants here in the Philippines serve lemon water. Also called, detox water, this recipe is simple and tasty. With lots of Vitamin C and detoxifiers, you are sure to love this famous infusion.

Lemon: Calories 29, Calcium 2%, Vitamin C 88%, Vitamin B-6 5 %
Menta: Calories 70, Vitamin A 84%, Calcium 24%, Vitamin C 52%

Otaku Asia tested!

strawberry and kiwi

Said to improve the cardiovascular, strengthens your immune protection, regulates your blood sugar and helps digestion. Strawberries contains anti-aging properties. Although seasonal, this infusion is fun and tasty. This drink is sweet to taste.

Strawberry: Calories 33, Vitamin C 97%, Magnesium 3%
Kiwi: Calories 61, Vitamin A 1%, Vitamin C 154%, Vitamin B-6 5%

We have only tested kiwi on it's own. OA approved!

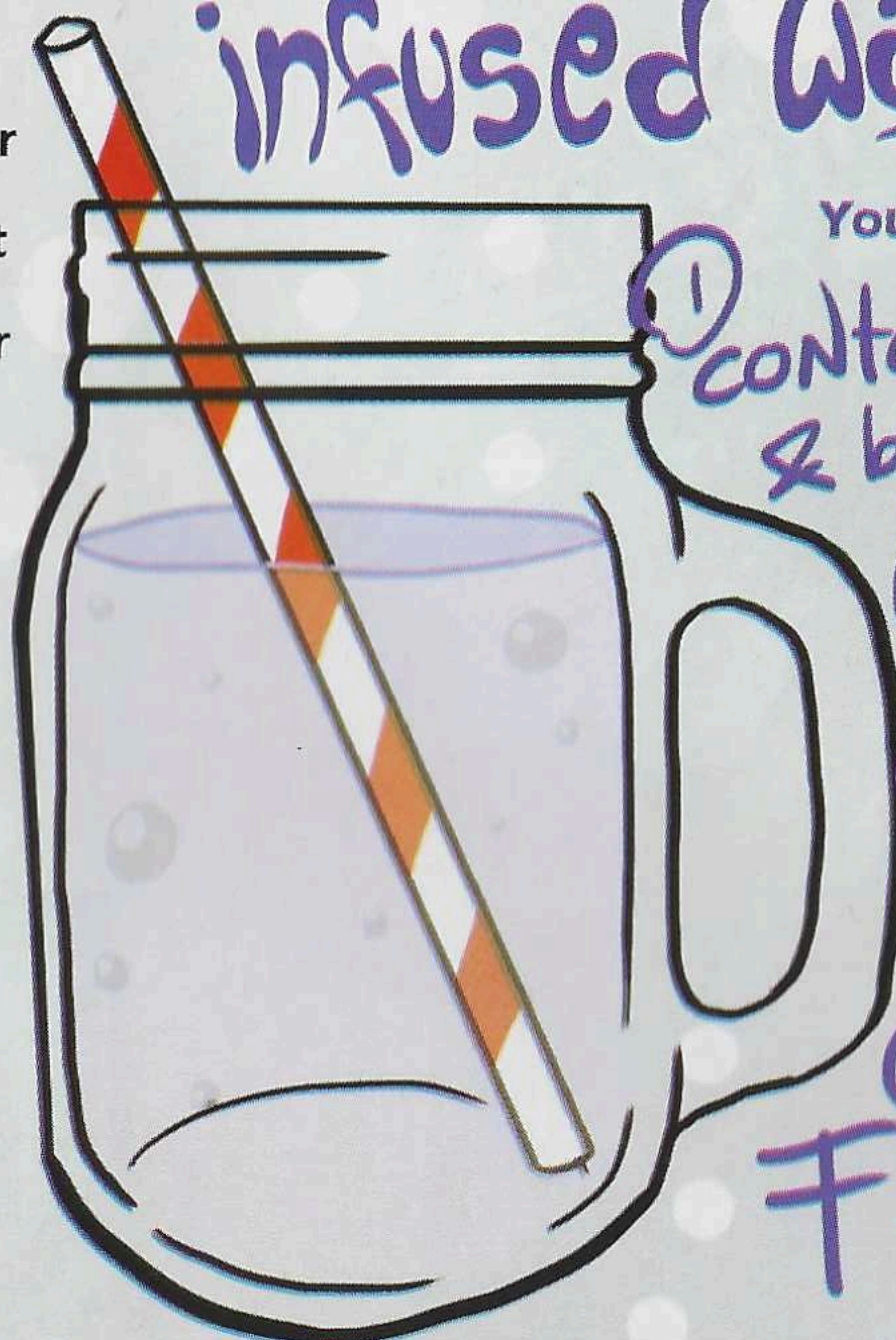


infused water!!!

by kanddy

You will need:

- ① container w/ lid & big opening (jar/tumbler)
- ② COLD water
- ③ FRUITS!



Pineapple, apple and watermelon

Dispel excess salts that hinder you to burn fat. It nourishes your bladder and kidney too!

Pineapple: Calories 50, Vitamin C 79%, Vitamin B-6 5%
Apple: Calories 52, Vitamin A 1%, Vitamin C 7%, Magnesium 1%
Watermelon: Calories 30, Vitamin A 11%, Vitamin C 13%

We have tried pineapple and it really does taste like it. Make sure you have the sweet ones rather than the sour ones.



cucumber, lemon and lime

This infusion is great for hydration, digestion and appetite control. Additionally, for water weight management, bloating, appetite control. Want to lose weight? This is the one to drink!

Cucumber: Calories 16, Vitamin A 2%, Vitamin C 4%, Magnesium 3%
Lime: Calories 30, Vitamin A 1%, Vitamin C 48%, Iron 3%

Cucumber tastes amazing. Especially when fresh and frozen. Try adding ice to keep the fruits fresh for the whole day.



lime, orange and lemon

Not fond of cold drinks? Good for your immune defense, digestion and heartburn and full of Vitamin C. Drink at room temperature.

Orange: Calories 47, Vitamin A 4%, Calcium 4%, Vitamin C 88%

This was the first one we tried and some of the rind would mix with the water. For citrus fruits, keep the rind/peel on. Don't worry if the water looks dirty.



green tea, mint and lime

Boil some water and add the bags of green tea, let it brew for about 5 minutes then let it sit to cool down. Juice 2 limes and cut the third one into slices. Chop the mint and then add everything to the green tea. Serve over ice cubes and enjoy!

Green tea: Calories 0, Fat 0, Sugar 0

OA still have to try this so we cannot recommend a green tea type. But to be sure, avoid Lipton and Nestea tea bags (they contain sweeteners).



infused waters are good for detoxification, energy and hydration. Put as much fruit in as you can, let the COLD water sit for at least 30 minutes before drinking.



PGF 2015

SUMMER ASSEMBLY



Where else could you find DotA 2, Point Blank Revolution, Tekken Tag Tournament 2, Hearthstone and League of Legends together but in PGF Summer Assembly!

Otaku Asia was invited to be a media partner and we were happy to cover the comeback of Pinoy Gaming Festival Summer Assembly! Organized by Gairath Concepts, this annual event is held at the 4th floor The Annex event area of SM North Edsa Cyberzone. Last year, they were not able to hold the Summer Assembly.

Gratefully and through the constant effort of organizer Joebert Yu and his team, we can celebrate gaming before the summer ends.

Among the organizers were PlayBook Hobby Shop who handled the Tekken Tag Tournament 2 and Mineski Events Team for DotA 2 Competition, The Gathering Hearthstone Competition. Garena organized Point Blank Revolution Competition and League of Legends Pro Team Matches.

The OA team, however were struck by sickness during the first day of the event and was only able to cover the second day.

We witnessed AdMU taking pressure by La Salle in the League of Legends collegiate match. After a defeat in the first round, La Salle came back and bagged the champions trophy.

And who could forget DotA? With their special guest, "Lolo Cris Montinola" or Tony Matulac who is one of the oldest current active DotA 2 players in the Philippines (and probably the world)!

As their third installment, PGF 2015 SA is Co-Presented by Asus/Republic of Gamers and Globe GCash American Express Virtual Pay.

Lolo Cris took on some players one on one. If you win against him, they could also win a new Asus Zenfone 2. Imagine, 4GB of RAM and powerful internals, it is the gamer phone of today.

Tekken Tag Tournament 2 was against MY San and Doujin who were using Jin and Devil Jin, Xiaoyu and Marshall Law respectively. The winners were Jade for 2nd, MY San as 1st runner up and Doujin as Champion.

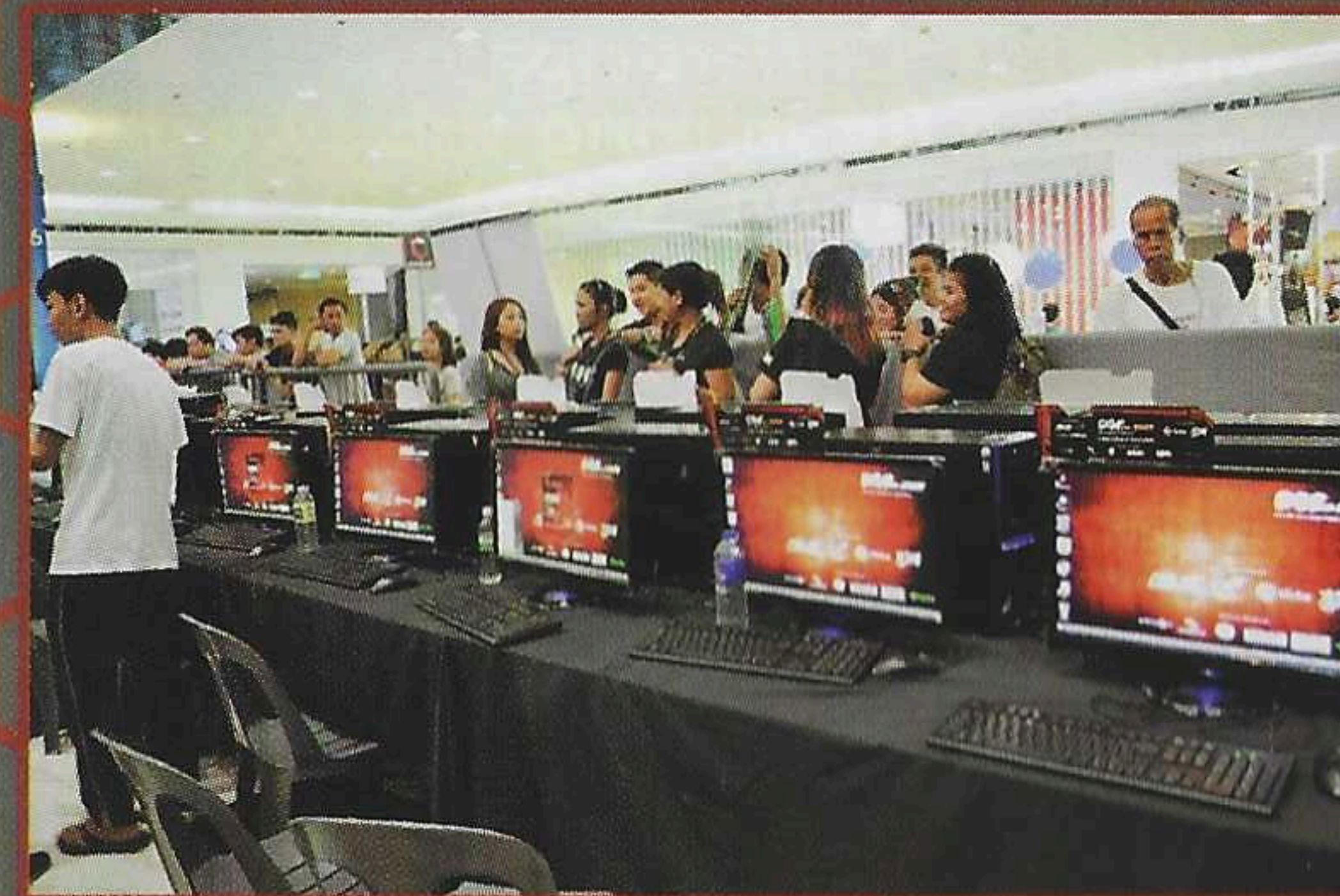
Philips and OLX were also there as sponsors. They gave away a lot of merchandise. Philips gave away a flat screen! Gamer favorite, Razer was also in the house to give out inflatable cheering sticks, dog tags and mouse pads~

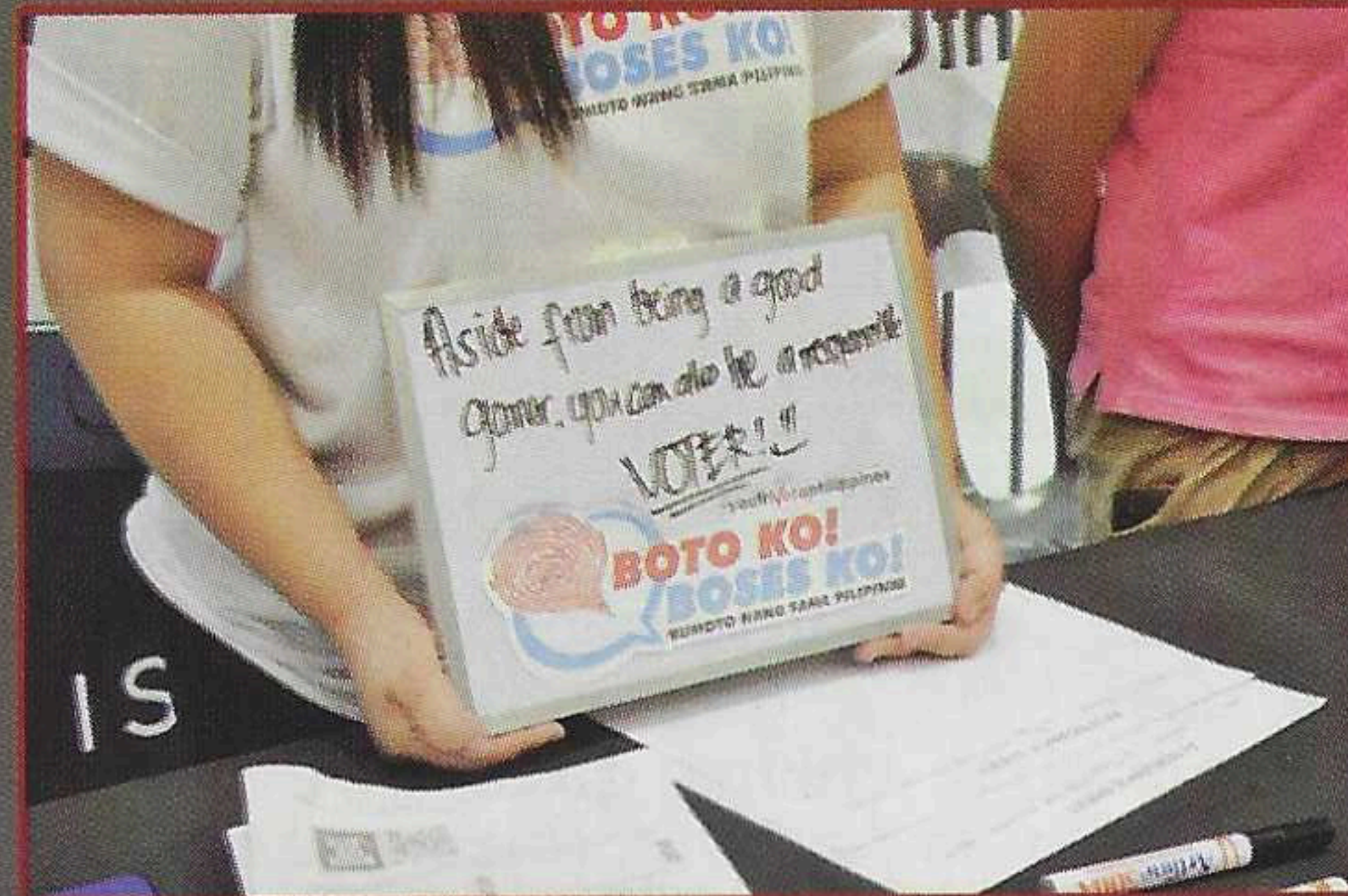
Anyone can be a gamer, at any age but women took center stage during the Women of War Point Blank Revolution Competition. Congratulations to B2X for taking the trophy against Vixen who fought well.

99.5 Play FM was their radio partner for the two-day event while Easy Management System as the Official Network. Hero Sausages & Dundee Crocodile Meat were the official Food Provider.

TOYCON 2015, Animax Carnival Philippines 2015, Heroes of the Storm Southeast Asia Championship and ESGS 2015 were advertised. This is because of the idea of Mr. Yu that people should have something to look forward to in the near future. Whether it is theirs or from another organization.

Speaking of other events, another event by Gairath Concepts was announced: ESGS 2015 is on October 24-25, Function Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the SMX Convention Center Manila. Otaku Asia will again be their media partner.





Otaku Asia congratulates the organizers, presenters, sponsors, winners, participants and audience for making this two-day free admission event to be a success!

We once thought that gaming events were small and has only few attendees but this event proved us that we're wrong. We are definitely look forward to the next gaming event.



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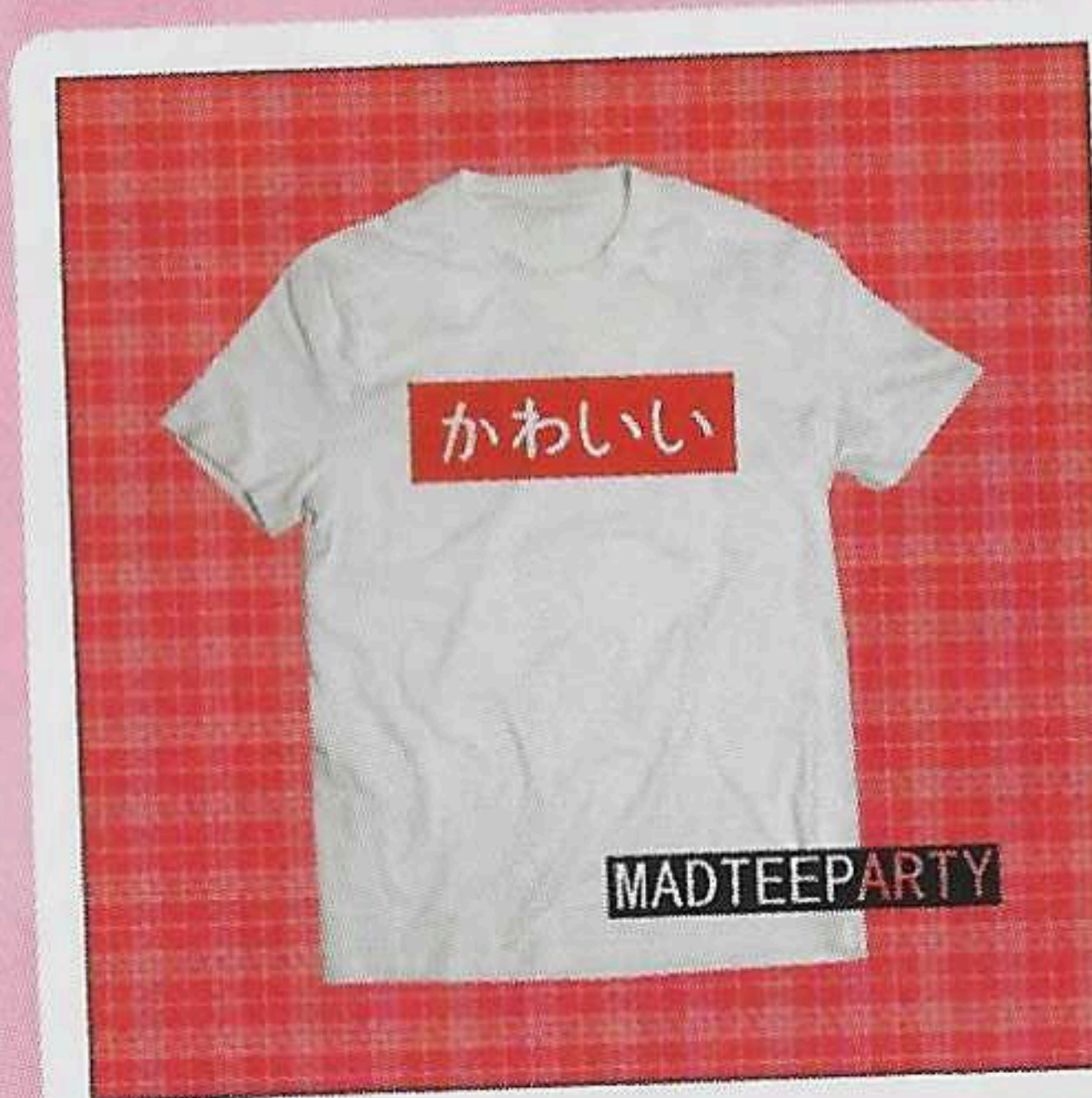


OTAKUGOODIES

by Ann

For the love of all things cute, fun, and happy comes Kawaii PH Store!

On September 22, 2014, Kawaii Philippines launched its online store, featuring brands with one unifying theme – kawaii made in the Philippines! It features graphic tees from Mad Tee Party, arts and crafts by Whimsicute, dresses by Dolly Kaye, Kawaii loot from Rainbowholic, and even their own signature items. Each brand promises an overload of cuteness and good vibes and at the same time, promotes the creativity and resourcefulness of the Filipinos.



First in the bucket list of goodies are the graphic tees from Mad Tee Party. Most of these shirts have designs by Little Miss Paintbrush as part of their collaboration. Some of their most popular ones include Cats Rule, Luna, and Stay Weird. The sizes available are XS, S, M, L, and XL. Each of them is hand-printed and made to order.



Little Miss Paintbrush is also behind the magic of Whimsicute, which offers handmade and unique bows and headpieces designed to "kawaii-fy" your look. Aside from these, Kawaii PH Store also sells Whimsicute pin buttons with more and more cute characters, eyes (yes, cute, sparkly eyes), and food!

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Since Whimsicute provides the headpieces and bows, complete the look with dresses from Dolly Kaye. From cupcakes and strawberries to flowers and ribbons, these dresses will surely bring out the youth in you!

Then, in partnership with Kawaii PH store, Rainbowholic brings in more fun with the costumes it features along with the other products by Little Miss Paintbrush.



Apart from the online presence of Kawaii PH store, their team is also found in booths during conventions. They were even present during the recent Tamashii Convention!

Last but really never the least are the freebies! From April 10 to August 10, Kawaii PH Store is giving away a pack of 3-5 random cute stickers for every item that you buy.



With these products and shops coming together as one big family, come and take your seat in this kawaii experience. Visit kawaii.ph/store now and check out which item brings out more of the kawaii in you!



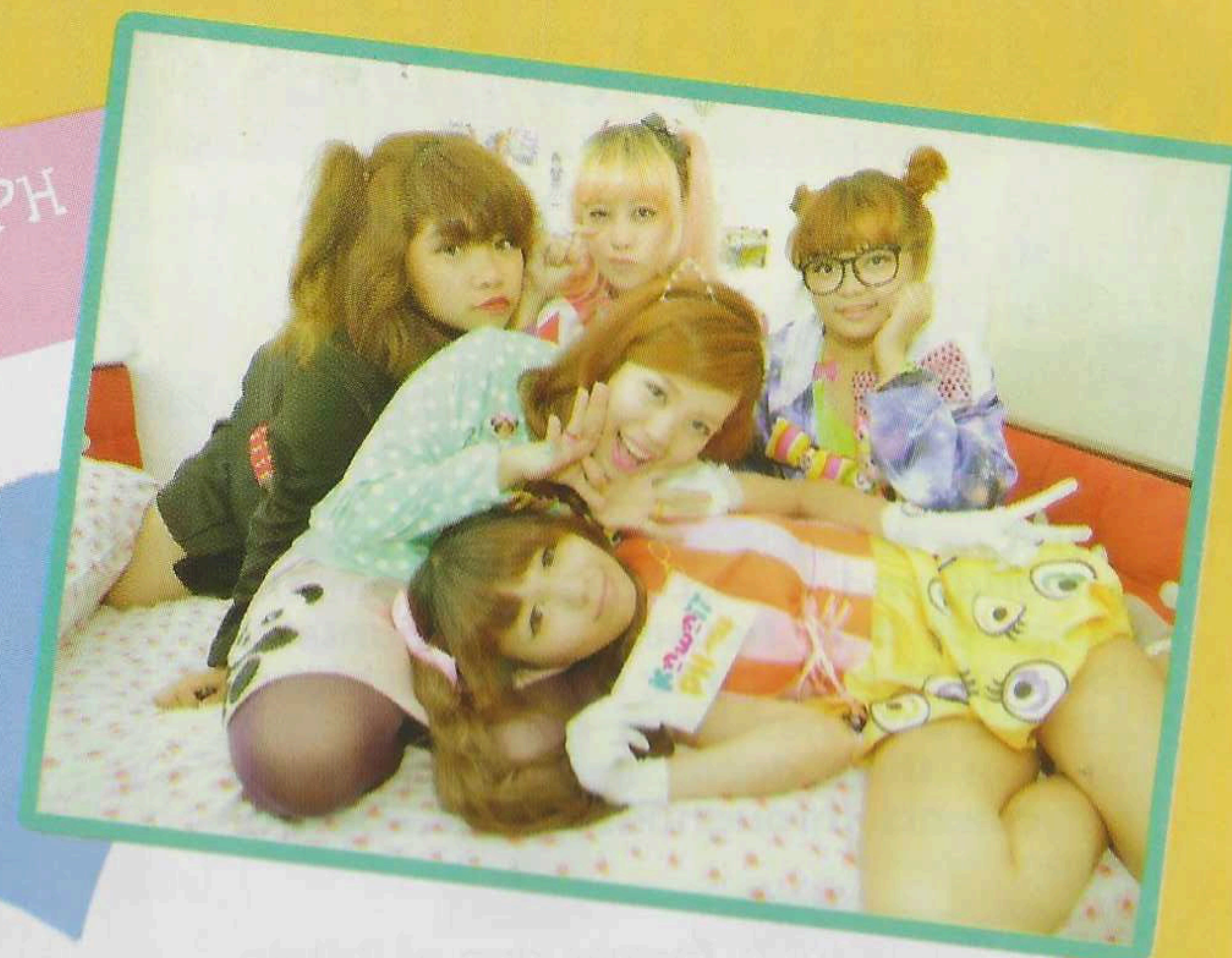
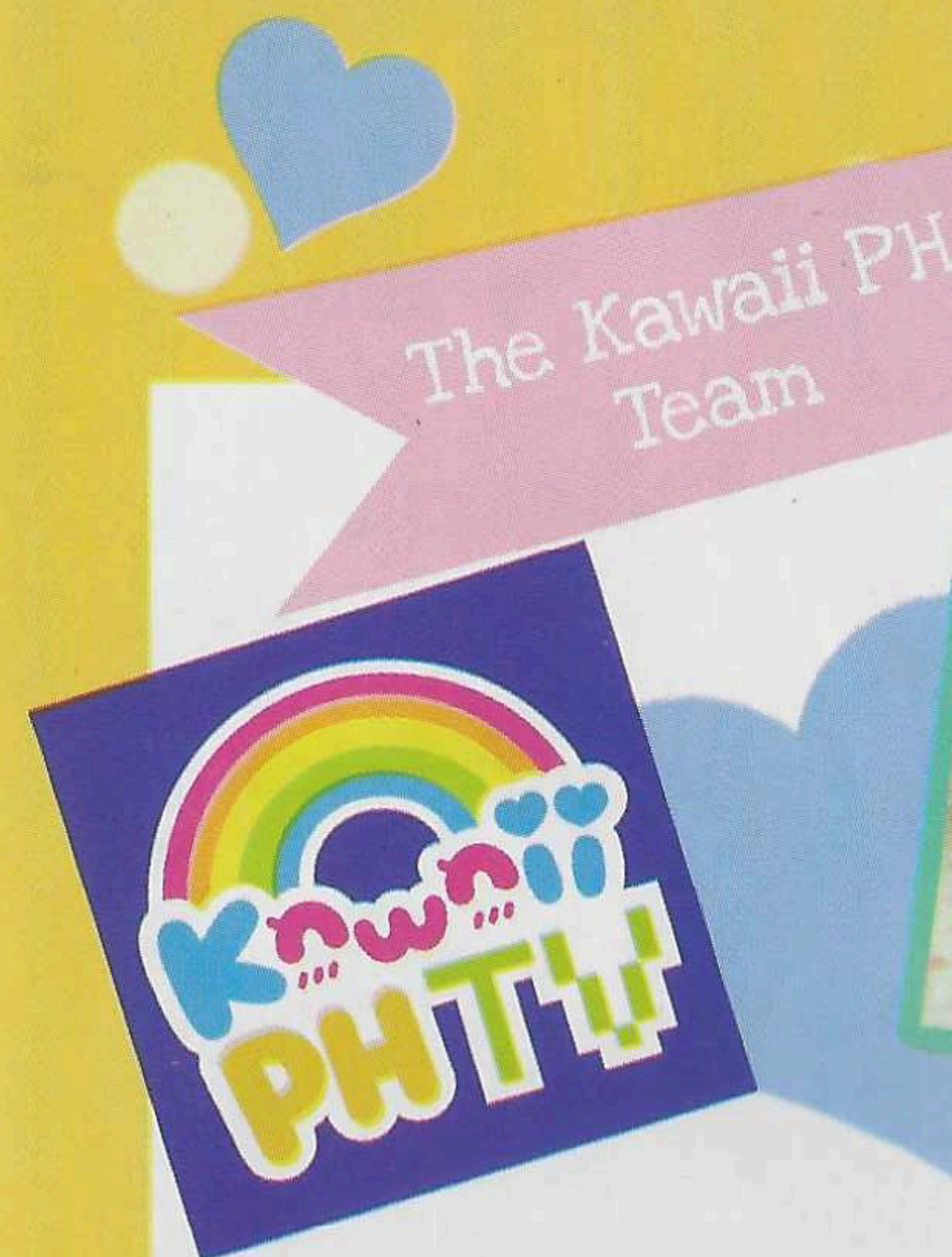
More than just Kawaii

article by Ren



When you hear the word "kawaii", what comes to your mind? Is it the looks, an expression or maybe something else? To Kawaii PH, the word kawaii isn't just these anymore but more of a lifestyle and an appreciation of anything cute and through this, looking into the world with a positive attitude.

Kawaii PH is a community founded by Kaila Ocampo and Anne Kate Pinero and is created for the Filipinos who not only appreciate, but love the kawaii or cute culture. With their team that shares the same enthusiasm, they aim to bring the latest trend/s in the kawaii culture, not only from the Philippines but also from Japan. They got different categories that will surely help and fulfill your kawaii-need, such as food, fashion trends, beauty tips and tricks, arts and crafts, knick knacks, workshops and a whole lot more!



Their goodies are not just limited through articles and photos since Kawaii PH also has videos for you to enjoy through Kawaii PH Tv. You can catch these every Sunday at 2:00 – 3:00pm and Wednesdays at 9:00-10:00pm after the Kawaii International Program on the IBC 13 Channel.

They hope to share the love and appreciation for everything that is cute, brings happiness and fun to the Filipino community. With this, Kawaii PH's team isn't just the only ones who can share kawaii stuff to you, but they encourage others to contribute to their team through photos, DIY's and/or articles as long as you think its kawaii.

Share the love of anything kawaii and give more color to your life through Kawaii PH!



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By Mikelle

Series: Fate/Stay Night
Product: Pre-painted Figure
Height: 250mm (9.75in)
Price: PHP 7500

The Throne of Heroes which existed outside the world and is disconnected from the passage of time houses a surmountable amount of Heroic Spirits; beings of a higher existence that has been deemed worthy based on their deeds, legend or heroic achievements throughout their respective lifetime.

Arthuria Pendragon, former king of Britain, has once again been summoned by the grail as the servant Saber. However things seems different from last time, Saber is does not seem to be equipped with her gallant armor nor with her trusted sword Excalibur, she has instead been given a role to become a bride!?



Available at e2046.com



Aniplex has decided to manufacture a beautiful Saber figure to commemorate TYPE-MOON's 10th anniversary which was celebrated back in 2012. Instead of her default armored-clad getup, Saber dons an elegant wedding dress and are equipped with a wedding bouquet and a graceful smile.

The figure was originally based from the album cover or CD jacket from the TYPE-MOON Fes event and after 3 years, the image finally came to life.

5/5 Sculpting – The details of her dress, her facial expression and even the bouquet she is holding depicts the very definition of realistic and elegance.

5/5 Paint – Though not much color is present in the figure, the presentation and usage makes the figure look very angelic and pleasing to the eyes.

5/5 Value – Fans of the franchise around the world would definitely enjoy adding her 10th anniversary exclusive figure to their collection.

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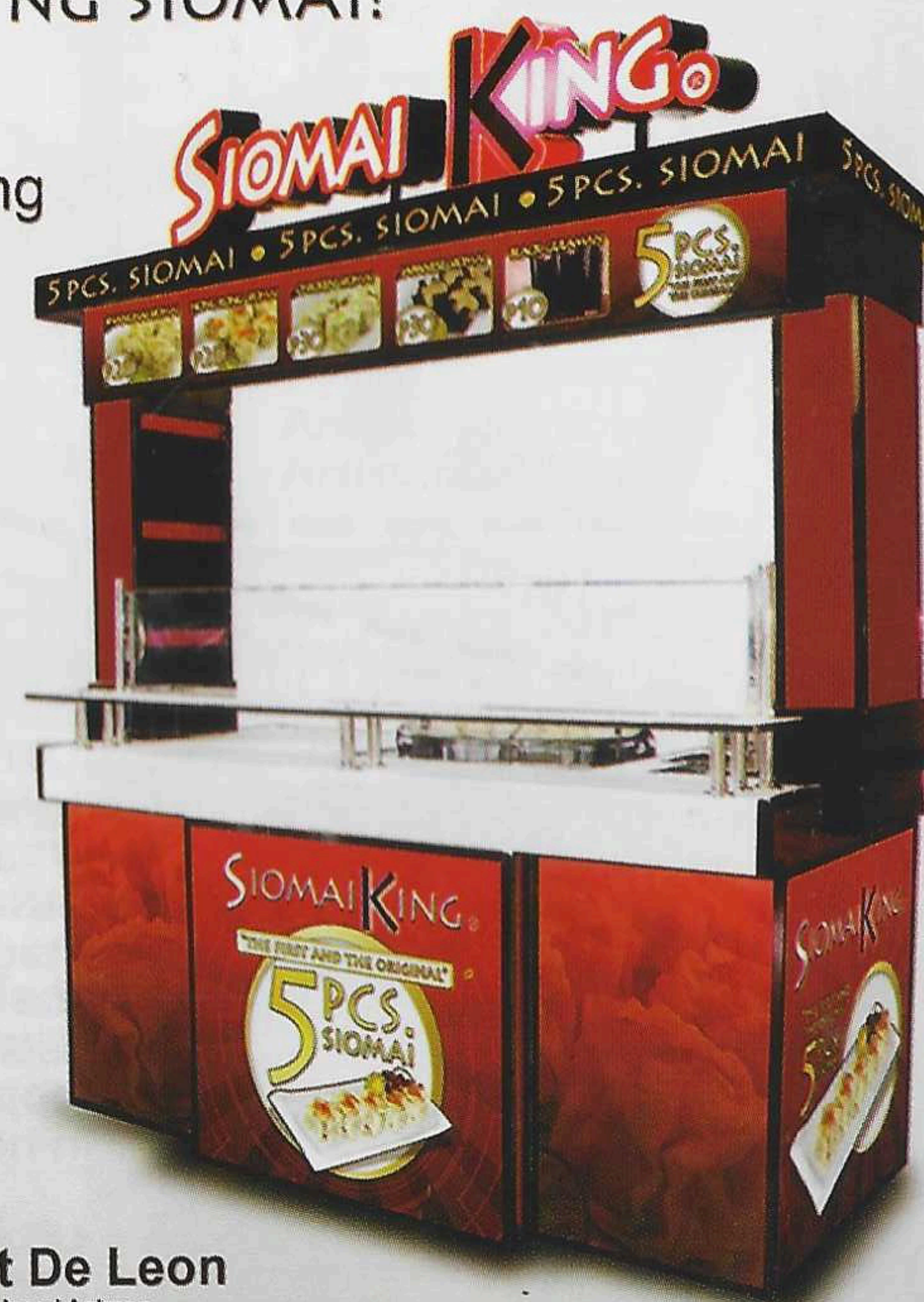
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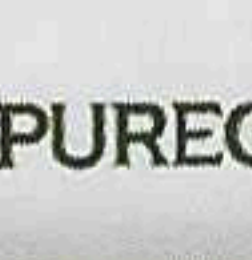
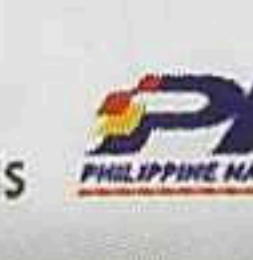
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Fictional bands are no stranger in the world of anime. They are almost as successful as real-life bands because the characters perform as themselves on-stage, only borrowing voices from awesome voice talents. It is already amazing in itself for enabling the characters to release music which people can enjoy for real. Thus, from yet another in-house band in a particular anime, a star is born.

LiSA (given name: **Risa Oribe**) had been in two different bands before she entered the anime industry in 2010. She formed the band **Chucky** back in 2005 when she was still in high school. In 2008 however, they disbanded, which paved the way for LiSA to form another band called "**Love is Same All**" or more popularly known as the initials **LiSA**. While performing for the band, she entered the world of voice acting by lending her singing voice to characters.

In 2010, she brought Yui's singing voice to life, a character in the anime **Angel Beats!** and a member of the fictional band **Girls Dead Monster**. She sang with Marina, the singing voice of **Masami Iwasawa**. **Girls Dead**

Monster released five singles in 2010, three of which were sung by LiSA entitled "**Thousand Enemies**", "**Little Braver**" and "**Ichiban no Takaramono (Yui final ver.)**" The band also released two albums: **Keep the Beats!** in 2011 and a mini-album **Rare Tracks** in 2014.



Rally Go Round

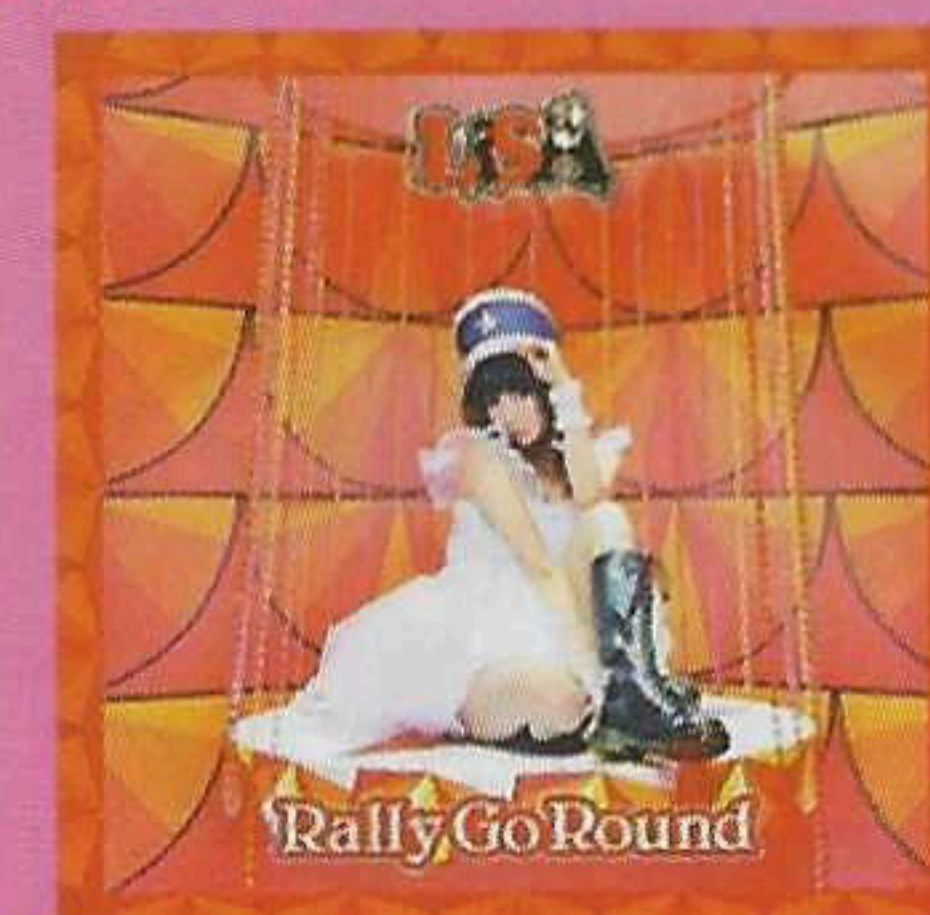
Anime: **Nisekoi**
Artist: **LiSA**

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shito janai
yaruto kiyaranakya i
mama demo
dai na mi ni datte
dainashite yo

sei ippai junjou kisomete
hora hora cekku metto
te yu kokoro de kimi wa i
kofun de chatto sagaru
subarashi ko toba
satsuke yo
sono memo hito kimi
miku tano unado wanai

karafuru hodoke enu wa
honjitsu mo hara banjou
tenshi no fumi futeki na
ani arashi ga hajimeru

yusei gakke your life rally
go round
hatoka teno neji neshite
slynuko
ime saikyou sandai
raburo to me datte toki
made
senageta doko kara ari
dekinaito mase shokun
no tekku to ni mi au
yoshirase matteru
shibukira to shi pakusu
nori koe musete mite you
demo chotto ki tena



Soon after the success of **Angel Beats!** in 2010, LiSA found herself going solo this time by signing under the management of **Aniplex** handled at large by **Sony Music Artists**. In April 2011, she debuted as a solo artist and released her mini-album entitled "**Letters to U**". She composed one song "**Believe in Myself**" for the album, but all lyrics of the songs in the said mini-album were written by her.

LiSA's big break in the anime industry through **Angel Beats!** led to her success in producing opening themes for some of the most celebrated anime of this generation. Her first solo single "**Oath Sign**" made it as the opening theme of **Fate/Zero** in 2011. Other popular anime she provided opening themes for are **Sword Art Online** with the song "**Crossing Field**", **Daybreak Illusion's** "**Träumerei**", **The Irregular at Magic High School** with the opening theme "**Rising Hope**", **Sword Art Online II's** "**Shirushi**", and **Nisekoi's** "**Rally Go Round**". With her wide range of quality voice, she has captured the hearts of several music lovers not only in Japan but in neighboring Asian countries and outside of Asia as well.

Filipino fans of both J-music and anime are undeniably lucky to meet this wonderful talent as she visits the Philippines this coming 27th of June, 2015. The **LiSA ~ANOTHER GREAT DAY in Manila~** is a mini-concert and a meet and greet event which will be held at the Samsung Hall in SM Aura. LiSA is grateful to her fans and apparently the Philippines is fortunate to be included in this list. Fair enough, Love is Same All!

LiSA has indeed come a long way from being a band member to an amazing soloist, much like a star that shines out from the rest.



CON-IN-FOCUS

article by: Kanddy

Announced on April 14, was **SCHOOL OF KAWAII** which is a series of workshops conducted by Kawaii Philippines for the benefit of the Kawaii Fund.

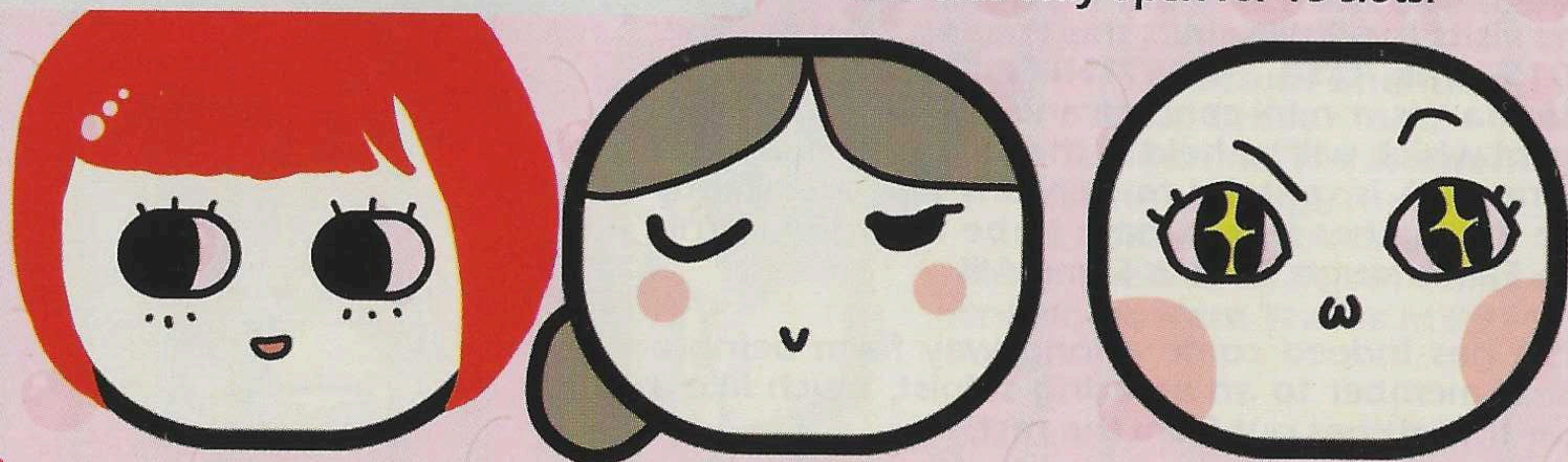
A short article on Kawaii Philippines is on page 26 of this magazine. Kawaii Fund, on the other hand, is a fundraising campaign for Kawaii Philippines' Projects (Kawaii in Manila 3 for example).

"It aims to gather resources that would help the organization materialize proposed events that wish to promote and empower individuals through the kawaii way of life. In line with Kawaii Philippines' mission of promoting kawaii culture as a way of life, Kawaii Fund serves as a tool in making kawaii possible through fundraising projects and workshops." as atated on their website, kawaiifund.org

KAWAII FUND



www.kawaiifund.org



One of the ways that they could garner funds was through workshops. Thus, School of Kawaii was introduced.

Their first workshop under the School of Kawaii was on the first week of May entitled, **Let's Draw Cute Things with Little Miss Paintbrush (LMP)**. Headed by the sensei, ChiChi Romero who is a Philippine-based artist and the Creative Head of Japan Lover Me, Main Kawaii Artist/ Illustrator of Kawaii Philippines, contributing illustrator of Total Girl Philippines and owner of handmade crafts Whimsicute.

For only 1500 php, inclusive of free meal, workshop kit and *Kawaii Alumni Perks* kit, students can learn from LMP drawing basic cute things. They even have an additional activity, *Craft Cute Things* by Whimsicute and Dolly Kaye (Kaye Romero) about making mori-kei badge clip which is a cute accessory which you can use as a hairclip or a brooch/badge!

Event was sponsored by the venue, The Bunny Baker at E. Rodriguez St. QC. and was only open for 15 slots.

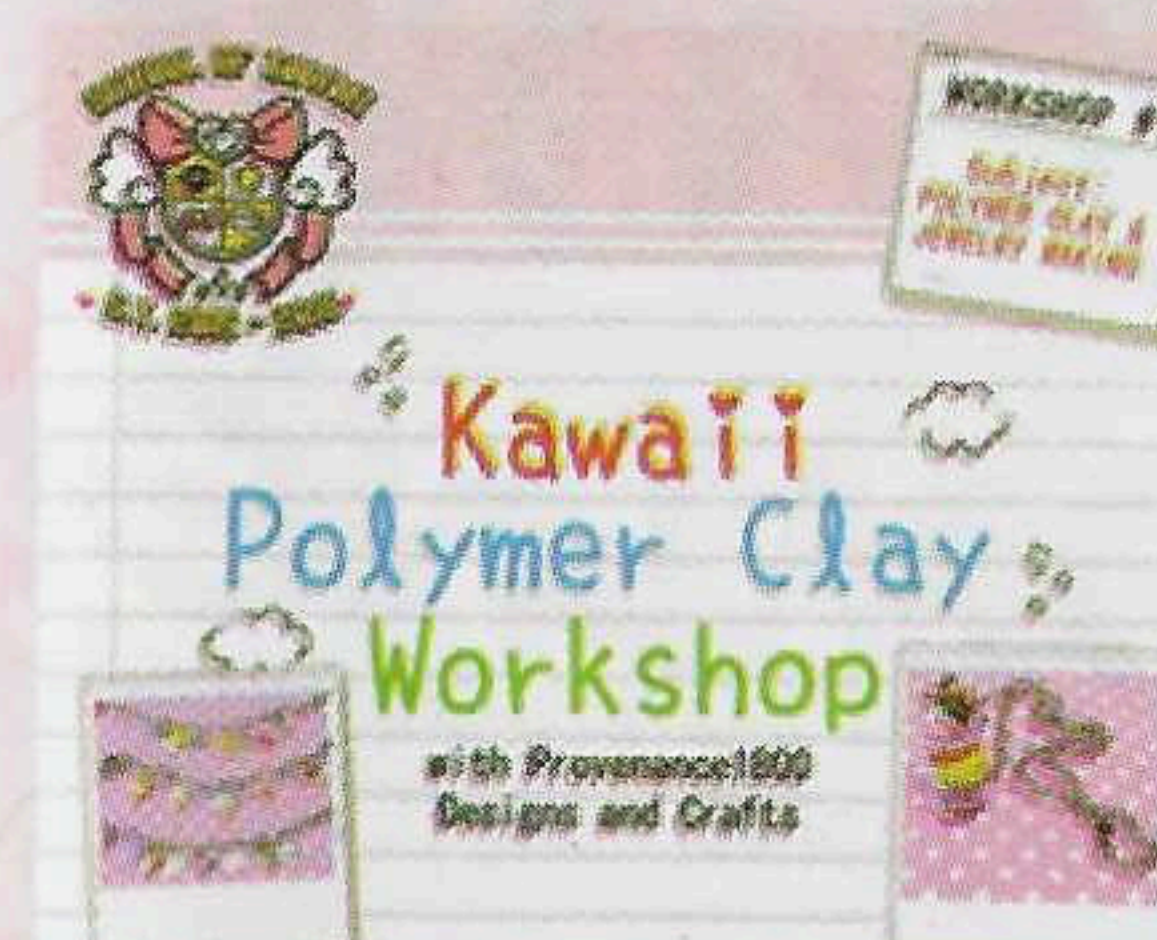


The second School of Kawaii workshop was announced, entitled, **Complete the Kawaii Look** with Ashley Cy, Chai Mungcal and Anne Piñero. If you are an aspiring blogger (beauty / fashion) or simply just a Japanese fashion/kawaii culture enthusiast, this is the workshop for you.

For three hours, three *sensei* will be demonstrating how to put on make-up, style your clothes, take your own #OOTD snaps, and so much more. Just by coming in their best *kawaii* look, students get a chance to win prizes sponsored by AOMOJI-KEI MANILA & La Princesse Tea Doll (page 36 of this magazine).

Sensei Chai is a Manila-based photographer and the blogger behind Oh My Little Girl (ohmylittlegirl.net), a blog about Japanese pop culture and kawaii culture, girly lifestyle, personal style, dreams, and everyday life as a wanderer of the world.

Sensei Ashley Dy is a blogger, writer, photographer, visual merchandiser, beauty and fashion influencer and kawaii ambassador. Everything kawaii rolled into one. She started her blog as a hobby by promoting her fashion sense and style. Her initiative quickly established ties with the fashion industry both in the corporate and personal bloggers like her too.



< Their third workshop was teased as we were writing this issue!!

images from Kawaii Philippines



Sensei Anne Kate Piñero (www.annekatepinero.com) - a visual designer and photographer from Pasig City. Graduated from the University of Santo Tomas with a degree of Industrial Design in 2012 and took further studies about photography in Philippine Center of Creative Imaging in 2013. She started to reboot her style in photography from hobby to a higher step in from then on. She also contributed a fashion editorial with StyleBible.Ph, online portal of Preview Magazine last April 2015. She produced Kawaii.PH looks volumes 1 - 4 and Kawaii.PH/looks photobook specials entitled "Smile" and "I am a Kawaii Girl" for Kawaii Philippines.

New sponsors meant that the first workshop was such a success that names like La Princesse Tea Doll, AOMOJI-KEI MANILA, and Prettyfab decided to sponsor kawaii items for the students of the second workshop!

We are looking forward to the next workshops from Kawaii Philippines.

The Bunny Baker is located at Unit 301, Hemady Square, Doña Hemady cor. E. Rodriguez Sr. Quezon City, Philippines. With pink walls, lighting and bunny chairs, this cafe is just the right place for kawaii stuff to happen. They serve bunny-shaped macaroons, gelato and cupcakes with names like; royal blush, vanilla sky and gotcha matcha. They also serve meals and sandwiches! The OA team can't wait to try their food!

Congratulations to Kawaii Philippines, their participating sensei and their sponsors for having these wonderful workshops that is kawaii and creative!



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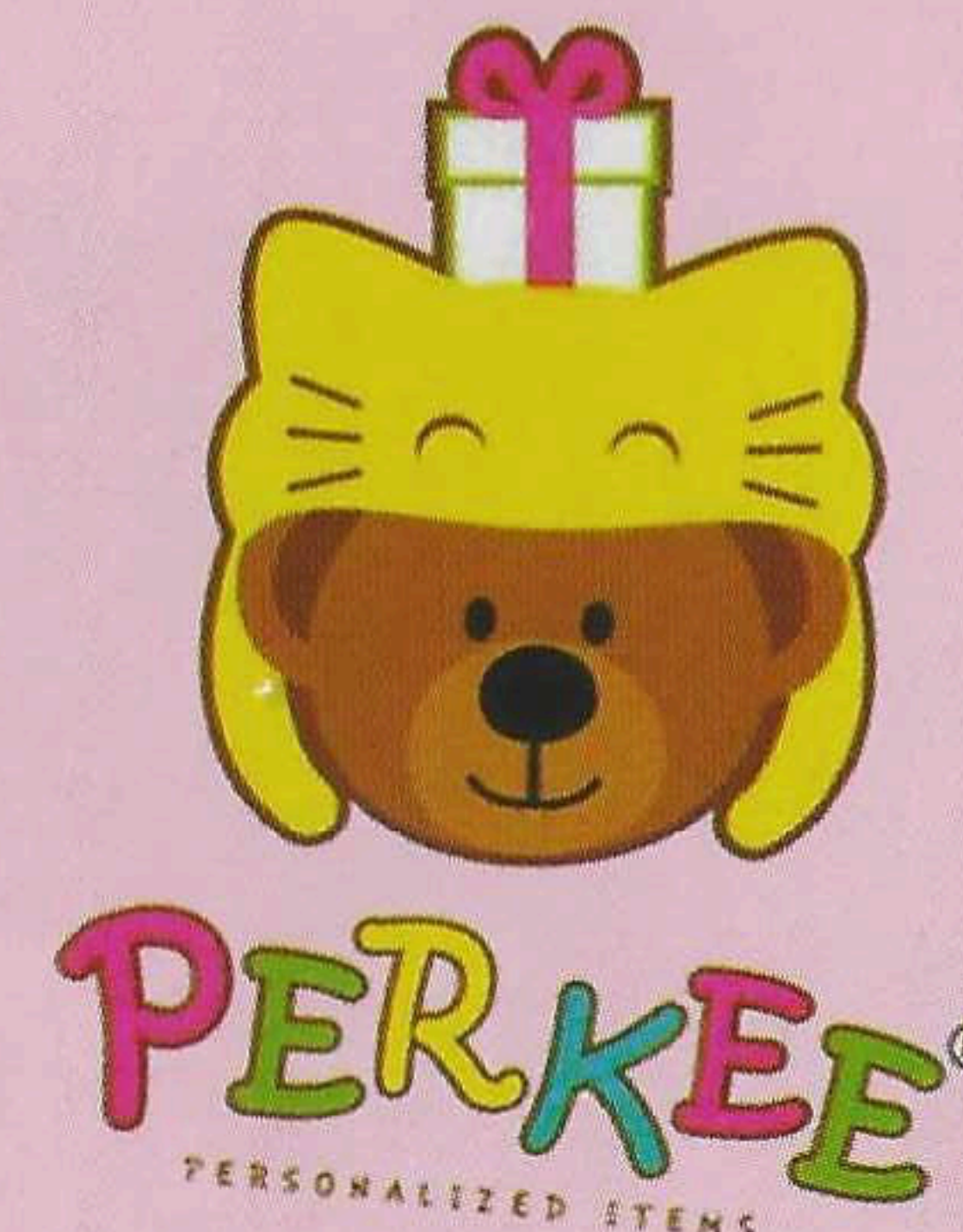


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BarbieDoll Chua La Princesse Tea Doll

Base: Manila, Philippines
Inspired by: Lolita / Classic / Vintage / Kawaii fashion
Career highlight: Fashion designer / Supplier (SM Dept. Stores)
 Had 4 consecutive Lolita fashion shows — Kawaii In Manila 2, Otacon, Mata Expo and Tamashii Con

For this year's Kawaii Issue, we will be featuring BarbieDoll Chua, the owner and designer of La Princesse Tea Doll. Aside from Lolita, kawaii stuffs and tea parties, she also loves J-Fashion, Cosplay and Victorian and Rococo eras. Let's get to know more about her~

photo by: Marvin Reyes



What inspired you to do Lolita fashion?

Fell in love with Lolita, Gyaru and Kawaii fashion way back in 2004. From then on, I kept on doing research about J-fashion until, I discovered a Filipina Lolita designer/a dear friend Cyril Lumboy of DollDelight and Kawaii PH founders Kaila Ocampo and Anne Kate Pinero. They have become my main inspiration and influence in pursuing my longtime dream and passion.

When did you start?

Last year 2014, debuted at Kawaii in Manila 2

What is the first convention you have attended as a Lolita Fashion Designer?

Kawaii in Manila 2



What is the favorite work you have made so far?

My first collection. "The Romantic Princess Rose Tea Party Collection." It represents the real me -shows my sweet personality, my love for roses, tea parties and fairytales.

Is there anything you would love to try that is not in line with your field? If yes what?

None so far, I'm happy with what I do now. This is my dream, to design and make Lolita clothes, cosplay costumes and create something that is unusual and unique.



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Could you share with us what is the most difficult/challenging project you have done so far? What made it challenging/difficult?

Every project is a challenge for me especially in doing MTO costumes, but I think the most challenging/difficult part was when the time I was doing my first collection because honestly, I was not that good in sewing then, still in the learning process and it took me 3 months to finish the entire collection.

Do you think Lolita fashion can merge with Philippine Fashion?

Yes, with the help of support groups and enthusiasts.

Do you think Lolita fashion can be natural in the Philippines?

Yes, as long as we are not afraid to express ourselves, and show other people that we truly love the fashion.



photo by Alec Egido



Shoutout/message to people out there:

First of all, I wanna say thank you to the most significant people in my career and life. Special thanks to Kaila Ocampo (Kawaii PH founder), Annie Kate Pinero (Kawaii PH co-founder) and Cyril Lumboy (Dollidelight) for the inspiration, hope, motivation, courage, support, empowerment, and etc. etc....without you all, I wouldn't be here doing this.

To my team: Models, Assistants, Photographers
Thank you all for your help and support.

Check out her works!



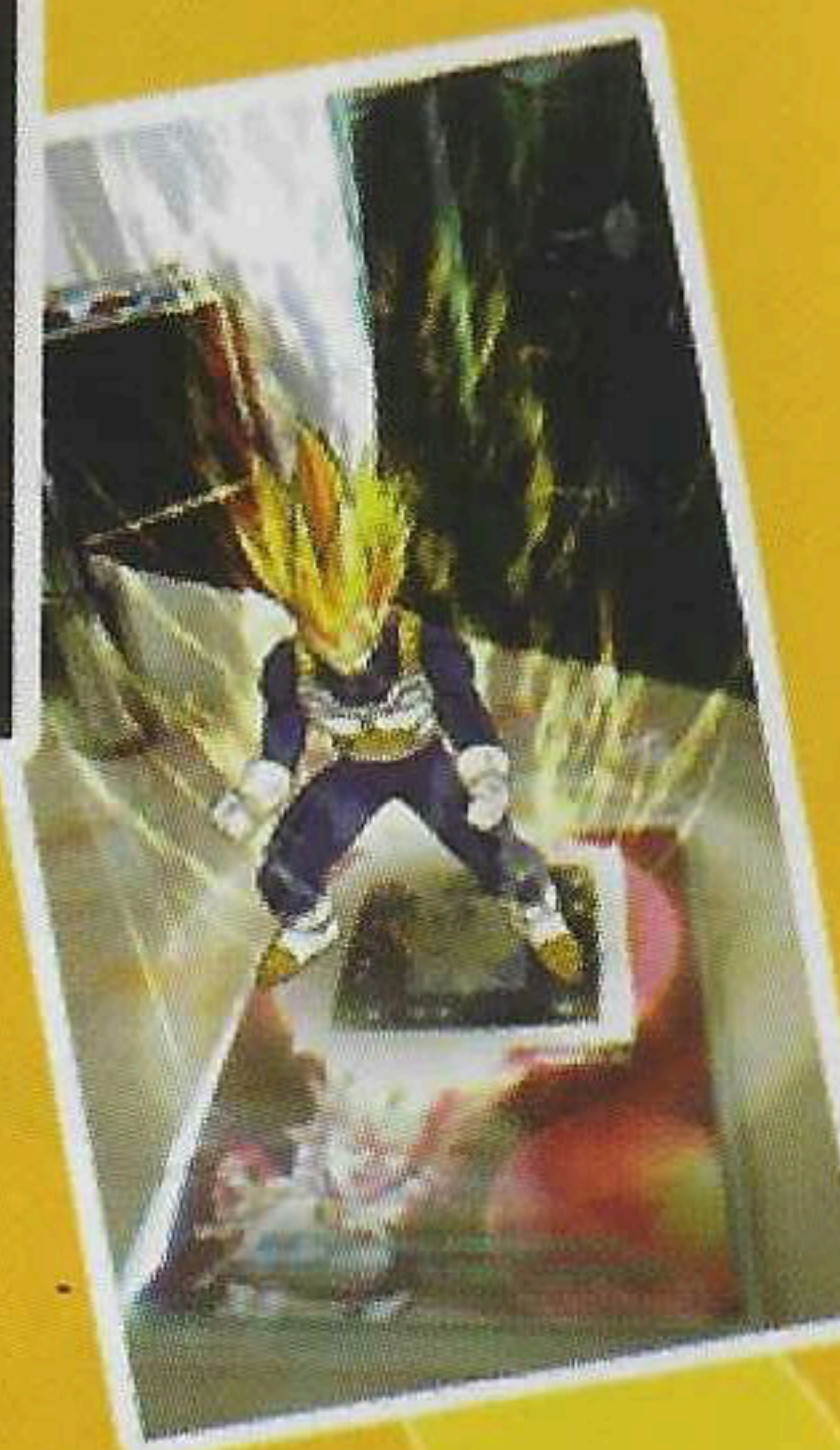
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Message to people:

- Just simply be yourself. Never be afraid to express yourself and your happiness.
- Embrace your dreams, follow your heart and don't let anyone stop you. Live the life you've imagined.
- Never give up on what you really want to do or pursue, work hard for it and success will follow.

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San-X is one of the largest character oriented stationary and gift manufacturing companies in Japan. Since 1980, San-X has created more than 800 characters, with 2 to 3 new characters each month totaling to about 30 new characters per year. San-X aims to be a company that hopes to provide sparkle and meaningful messages to a wide variety of targets through its character business.

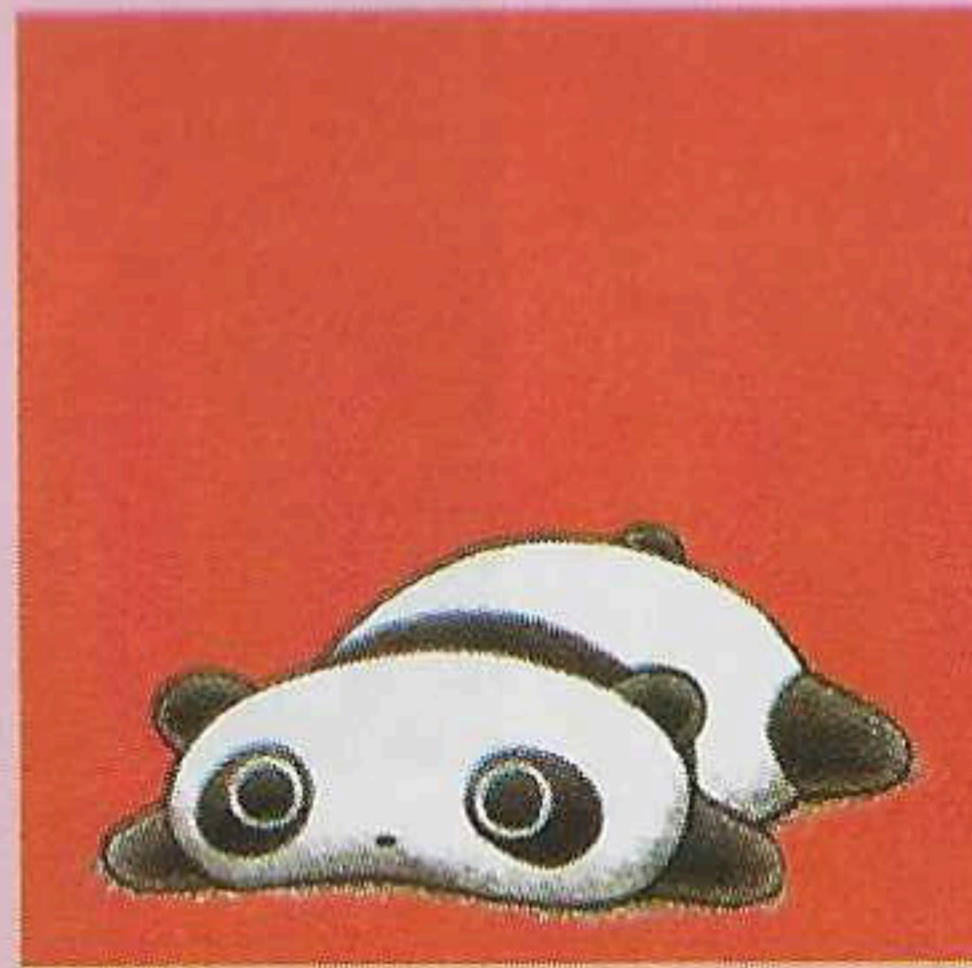
They have created mostly soft animals, stationery and books, but also video games and Anime series.



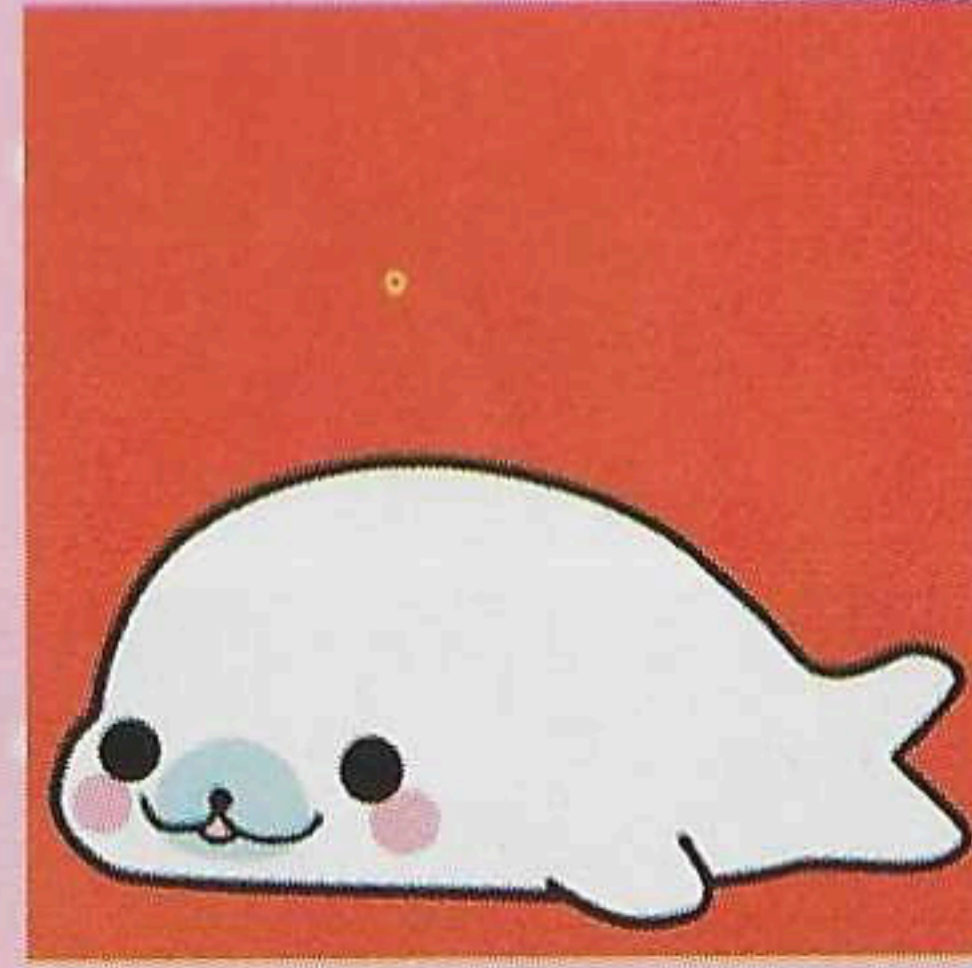
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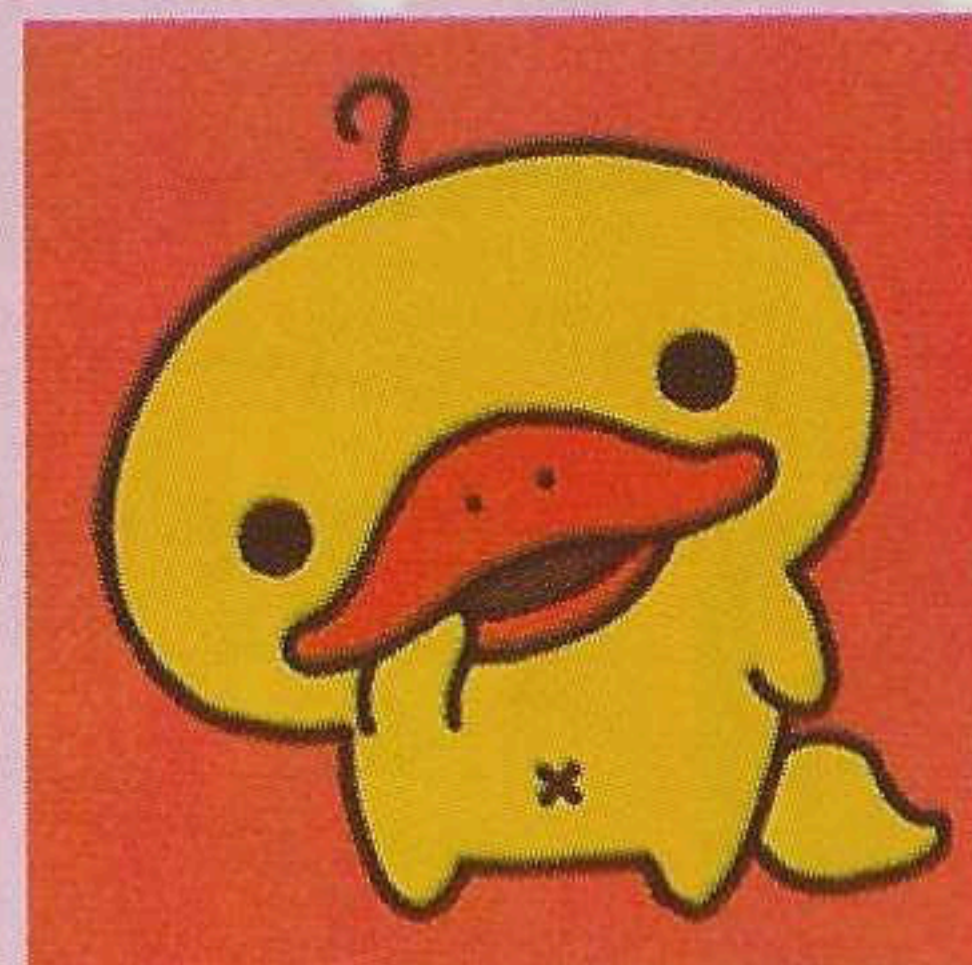
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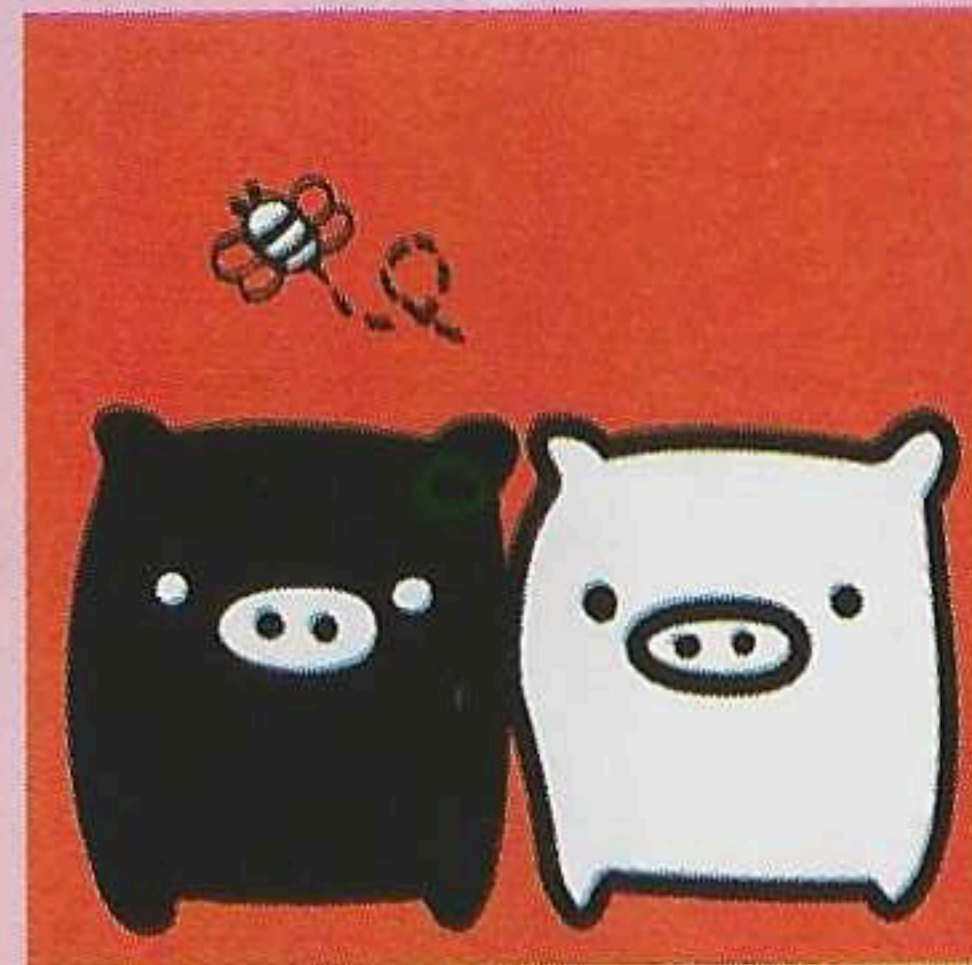
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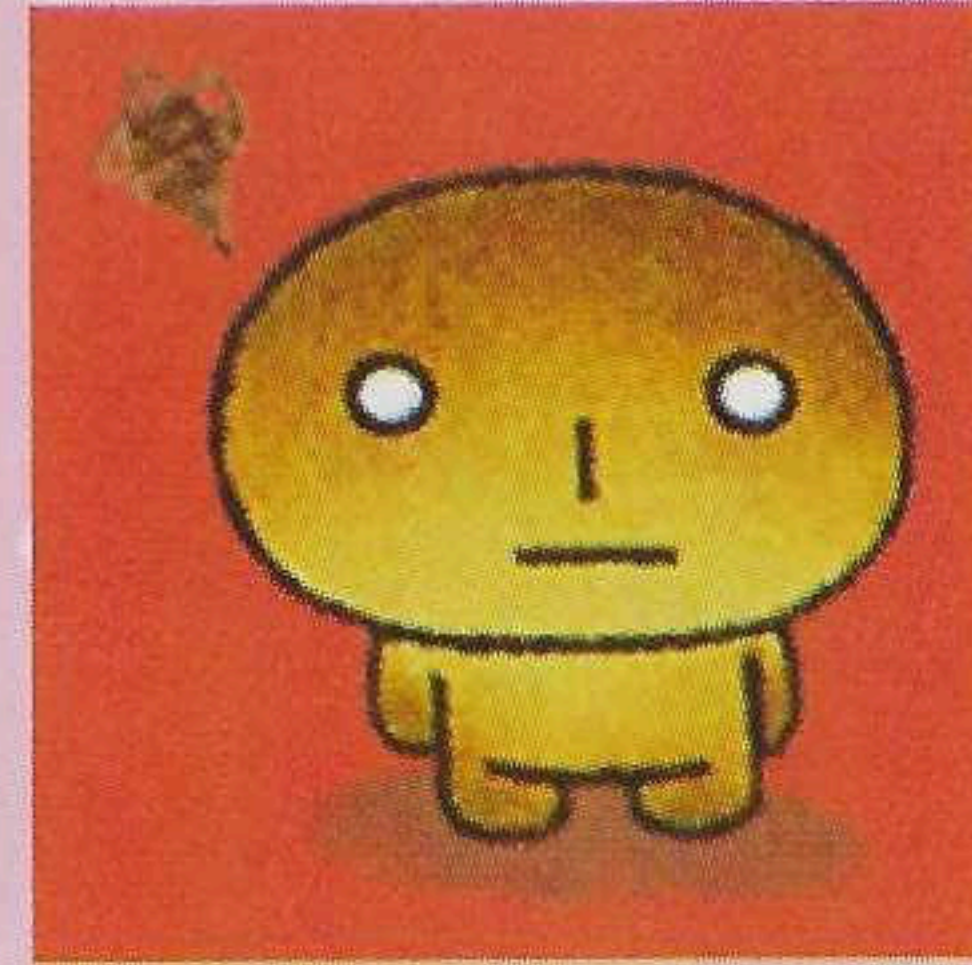
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Sanrio Co., Ltd. is a Japanese company that designs and licenses products focusing on the kawaii (cute) segment of Japanese pop culture. Founded by Shintaro Tsuji as the Yamanashi Silk Company in 1960. He pointed out that profit rose when they added cute design to the products. 1973, the company was established as Sanrio from Yamanashi (alternative on'yomi reading of sanri) plus the ou sound of excitement.

They have created stationery, school supplies, gifts and accessories that are sold worldwide and at specialty brand retail stores in Japan.



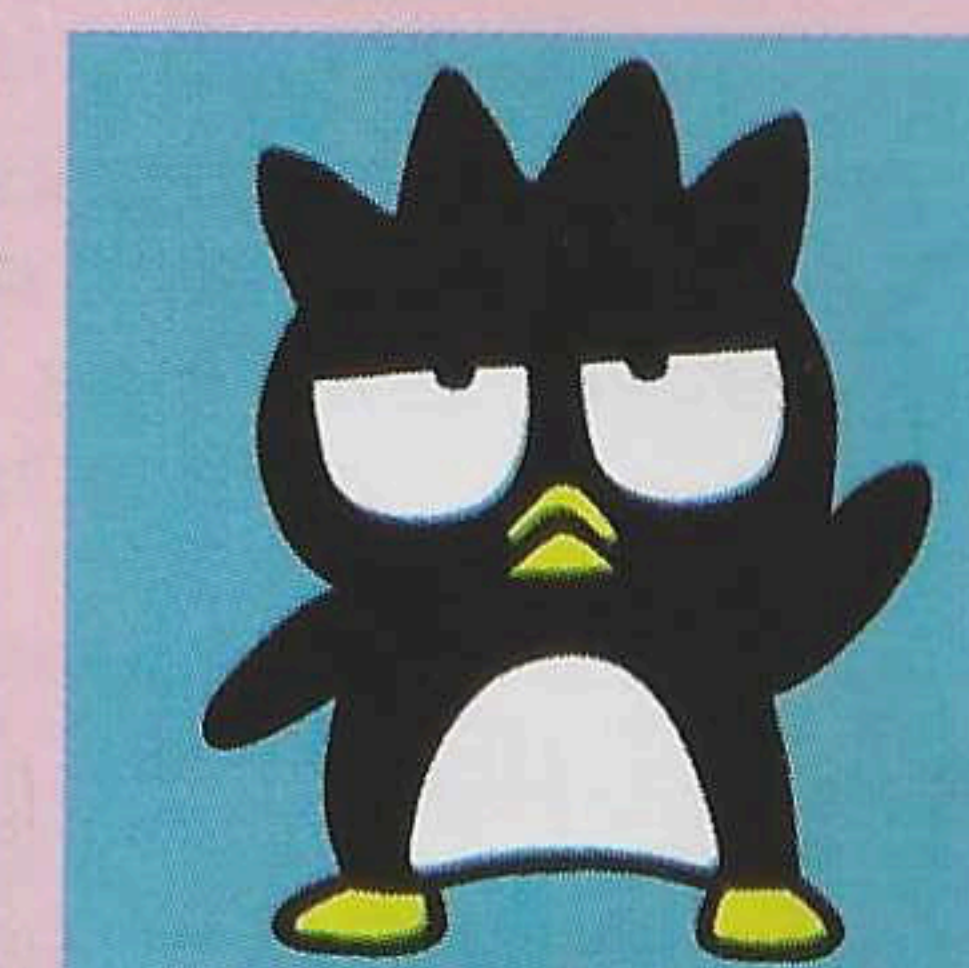
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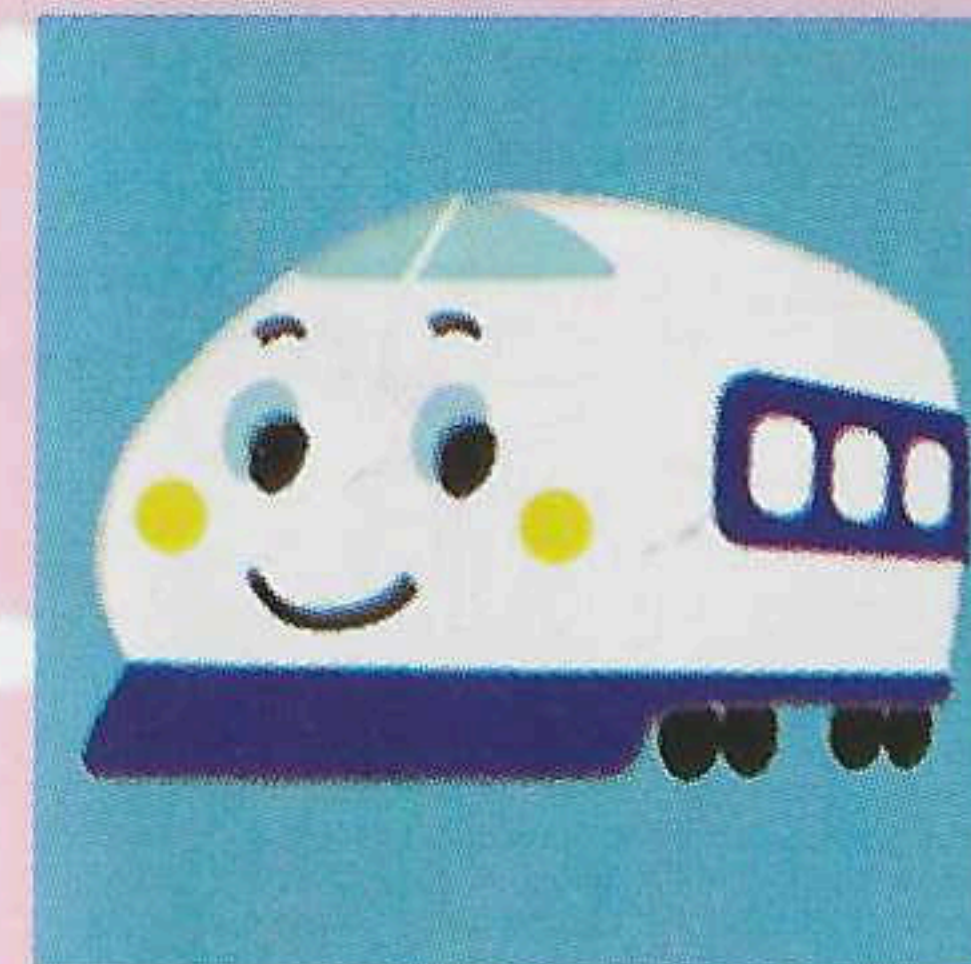
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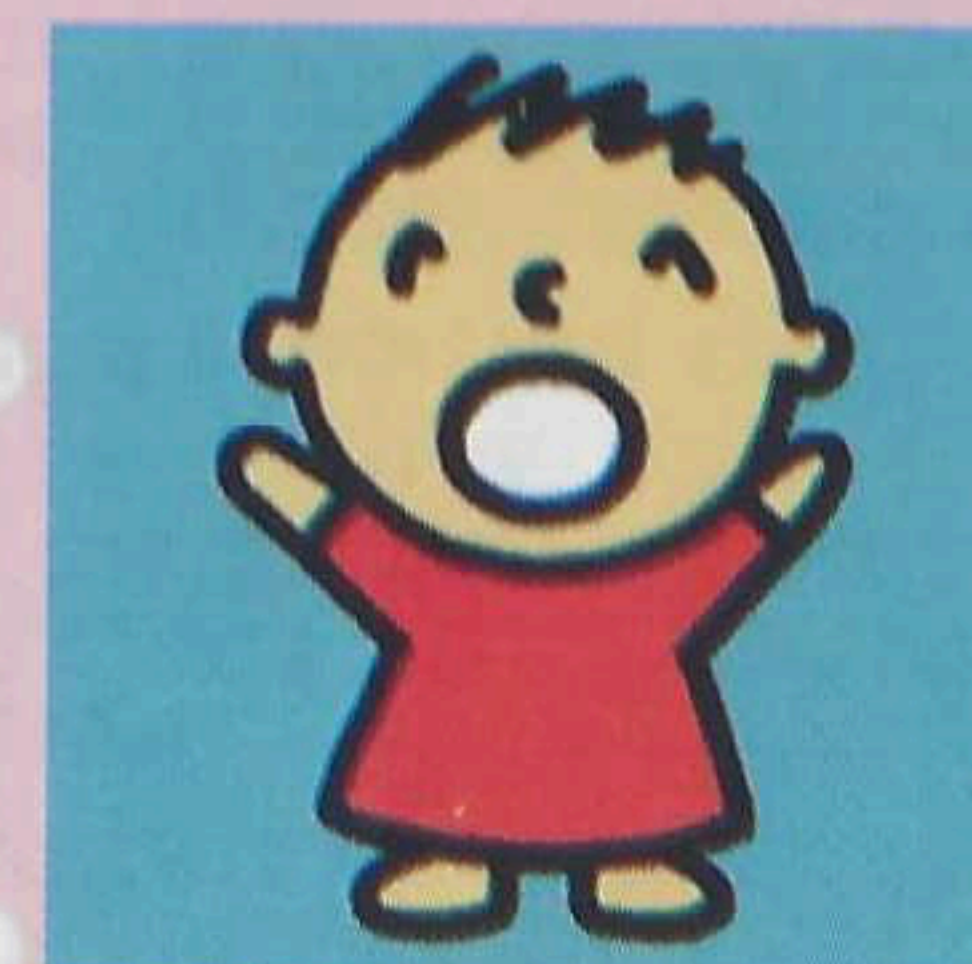
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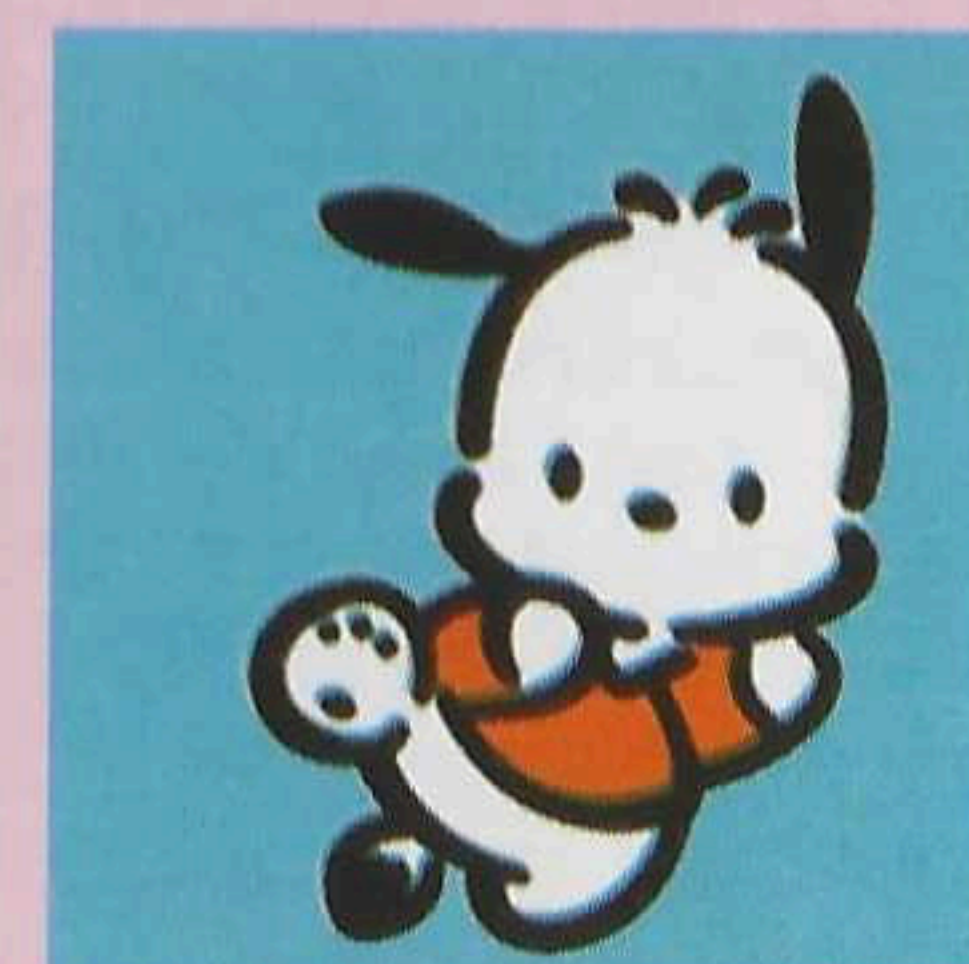
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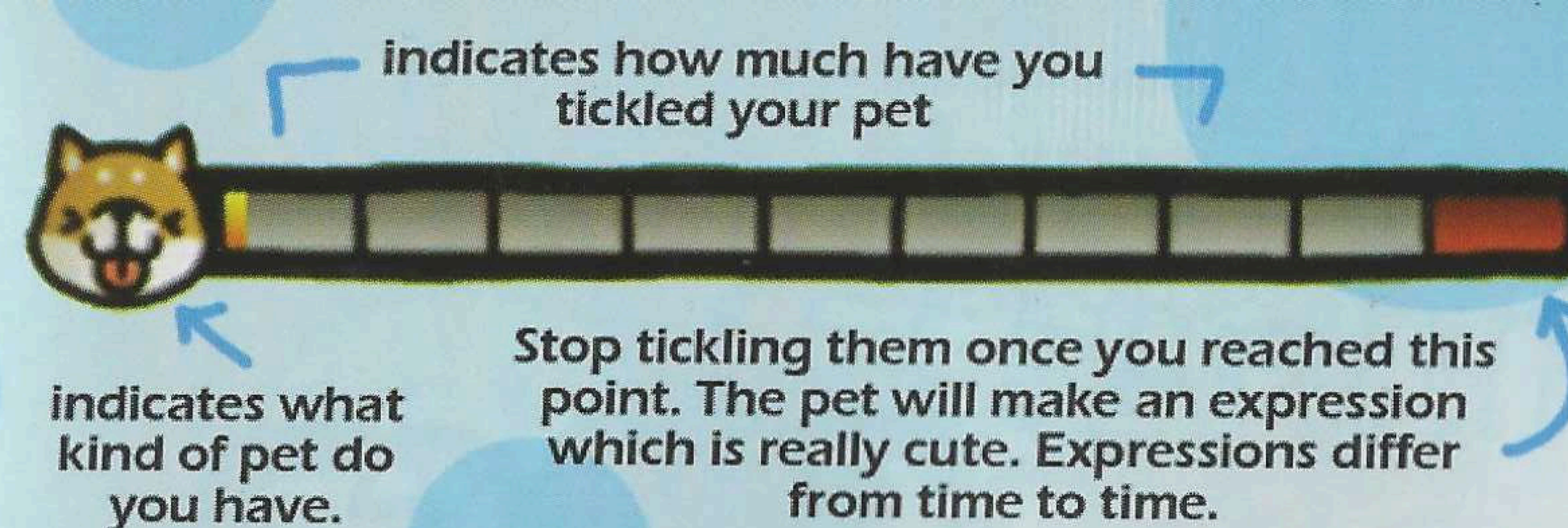
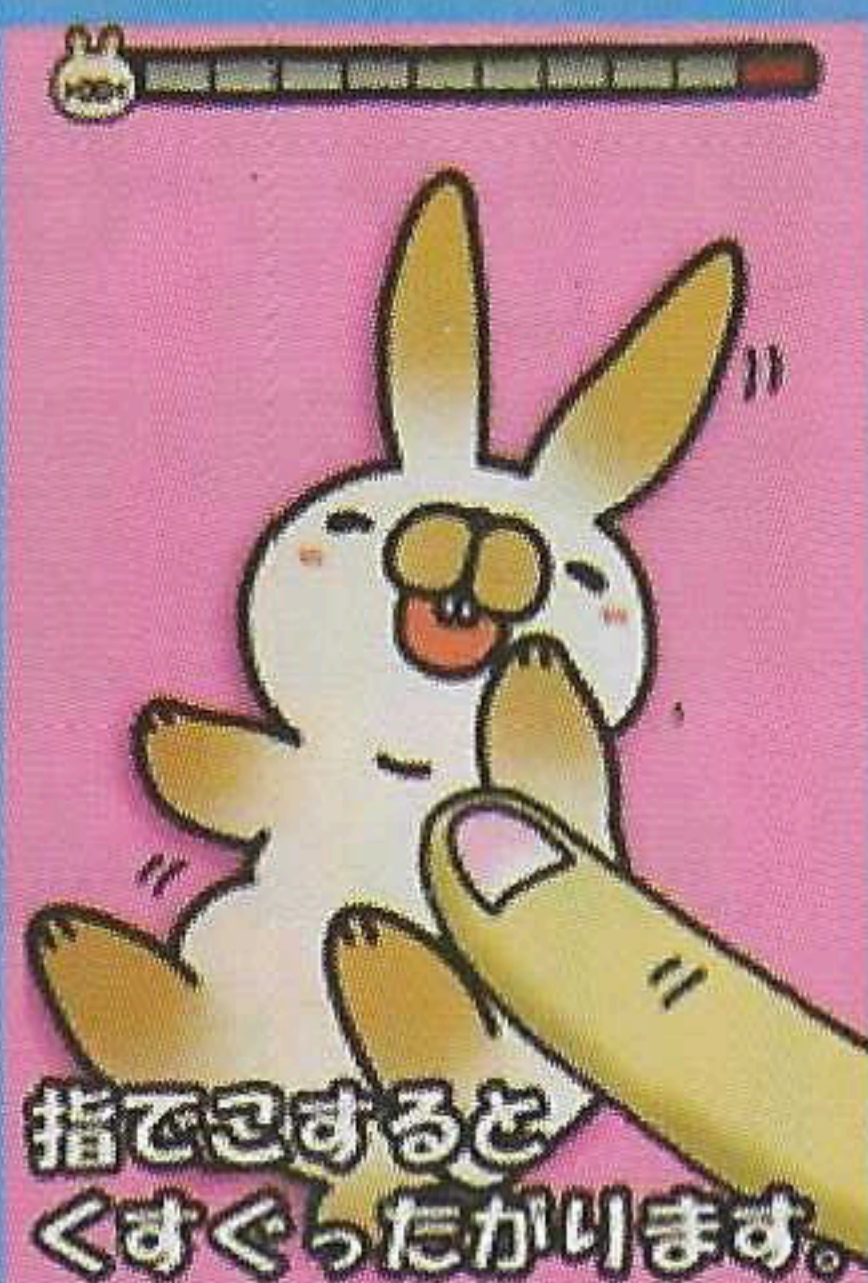


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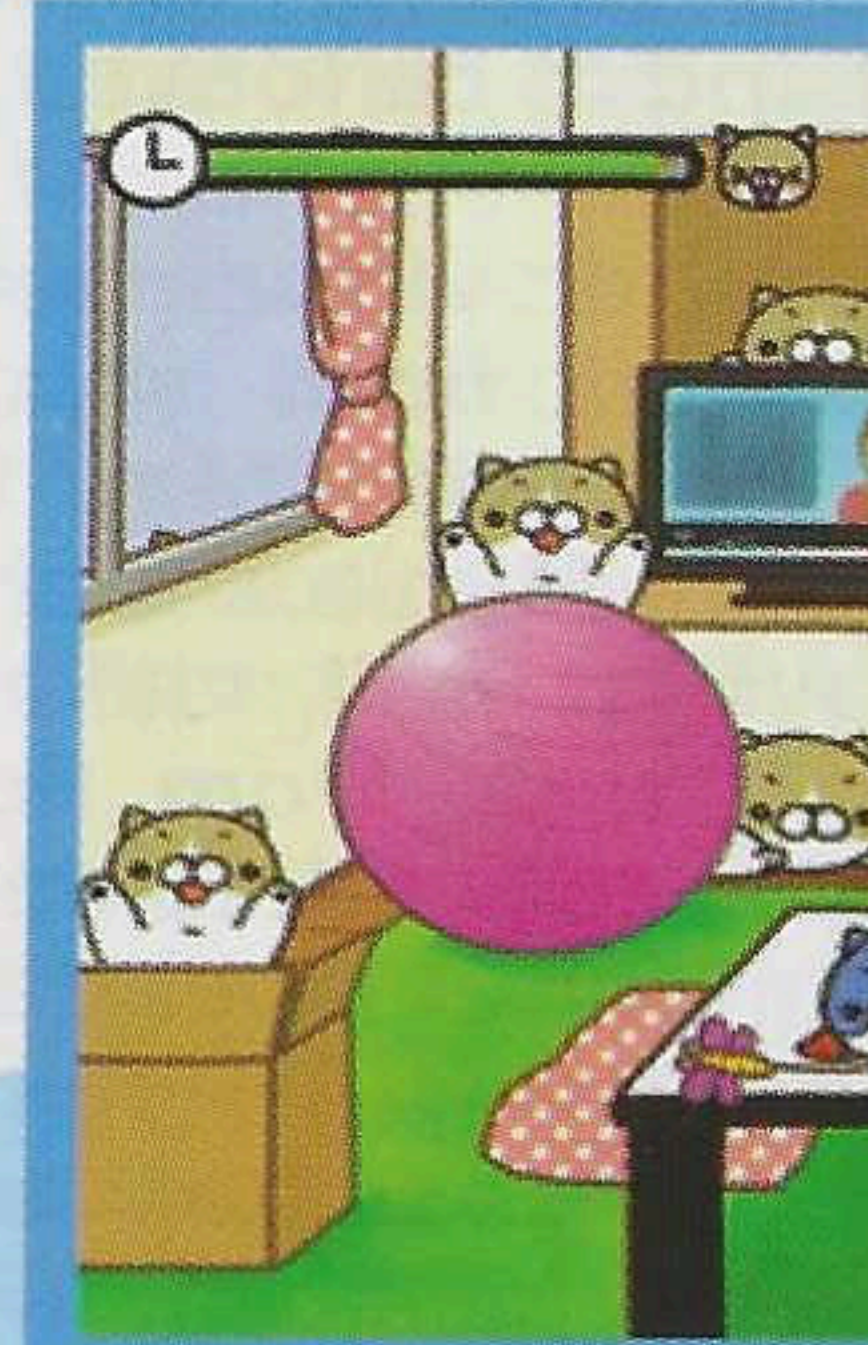
Mobile phones nowadays have so many functions to choose from. Aside from the ability to contact your loved ones through text messages and calls, you may also use it as a camera, video camera, voice recorder and even connect to the internet. One of the best part is that you can play games on it! There are so many games to choose from; online or offline, action adventure, fantasy, role playing game and so on. There are also games that has no goal within the game but its goal is the player to feel relaxed a bit from the stress and from being worn out.

The tickling game has 3 pets to choose from: cat, dog and rabbit though you have to download them seperately. This game is produced by Inline planning Co., Ltd. You may get the application from Google Play for free! It's quite similar to tamagochi~ In this game, you need to pet them by sliding your finger on their belly. There's a meter above them which indicates how much have you tickled your pet. Once you've reached the red part, the meter will return to 0 and you may start tickling them again.



Inline planning Co., Ltd has also released Tickling Cat to Fully and Tickling Dog to Fully which enables you to tickle 9 cats and dogs at the same time. The difference with the version of the game mentioned earlier is that it won't make cute expression in the end. It also counts how many dogs and cats have you tickled so far.

Aside from the tickling games, they have also offer different games like Roll cat where you need to roll the cat and reach the endline really fast. Another one is Surprised Cat where you need to wake up the sleeping cat by making noises and tapping it. They also have released live wallpapers of rolling cats and dogs.



The game was really fun to play. One of my favorite part of the game is the wiggling noises the pets are making. It's really cute and fun to hear. Another one is that what kind of expression will it make since it changes everytime. The application itself is not that big so you won't need to worry and won't have any problem installing it on your gadgets due to big memory.

I guarantee that this game is absolutely a stress free game. If you are a dog, cat or rabbit lover then this game is also for you. You will get relieved and happy over it's cuteness and being adorable.

Virtual Adorableness

written by Ren

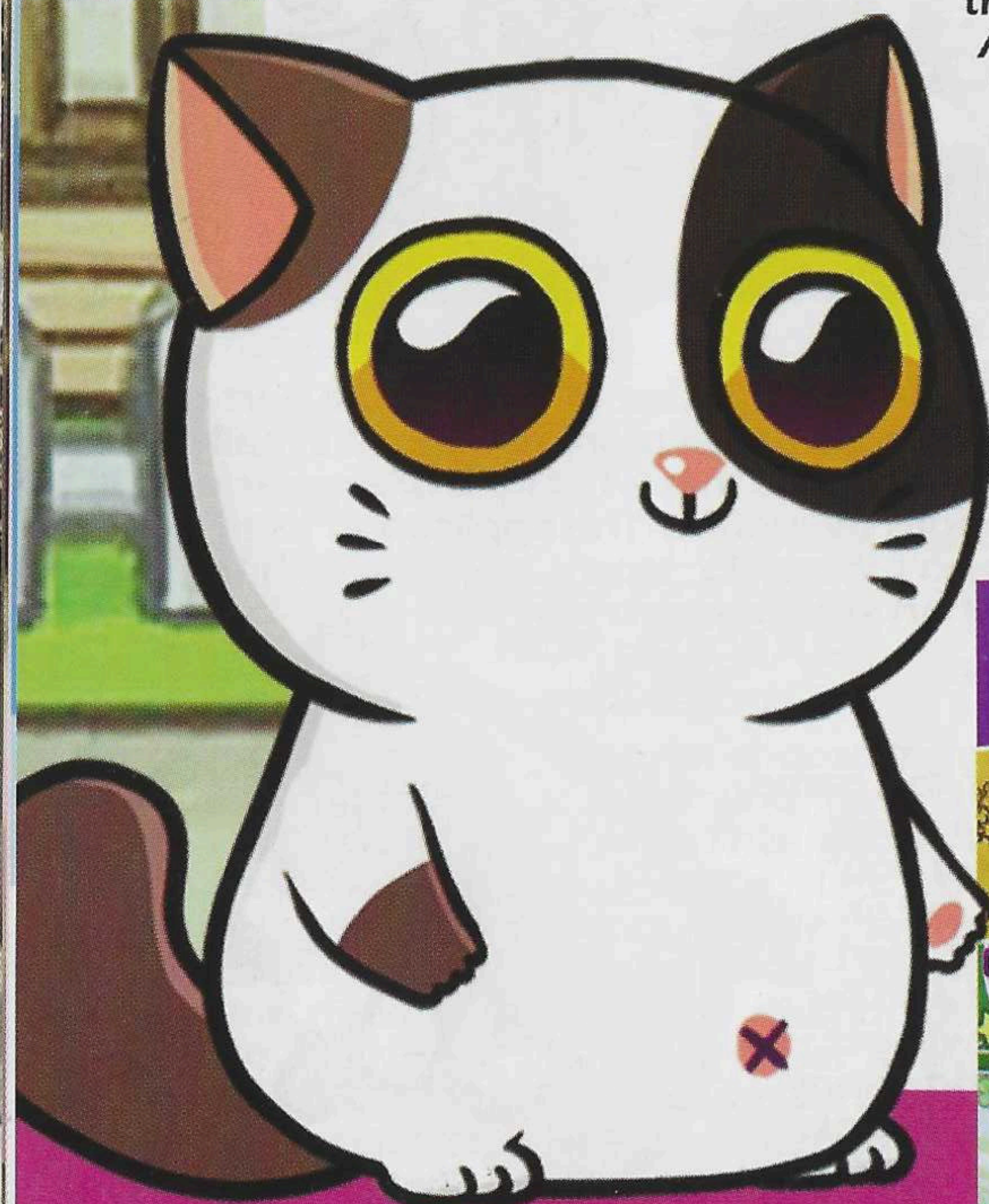


Game by Ediciones Babylon

Mimitos

Virtual pets have been around for a long time now and taking care of them made its spot in our urgency list in one way or another in our lives. These virtual pets have different looks, ranging from the ever-popular prehistoric pets to the alien like ones. Joining in the ranks of virtual pet cats is adorable virtual cat named Mimitos, a funny and loving cat waiting to be loved and to be looked after.

Like other virtual pet games, Mimitos needs attention from you, from feeding him to playing with him. You can customize your own Mimitos with clothes and accessories that will make him unique to others. Aside from tickling and playing with this adorable virtual cat, there are around eight mini games for you to play. These games does not only give you fun and bonding time with Mimitos, but also makes you earn money to buy food, furniture and accessories for him. What makes him different as the creator claims is that your goal is to look after Mimitos as if he is a real kitten.



Nyan-erous Cats!

Game by PONOS



Battle Cats

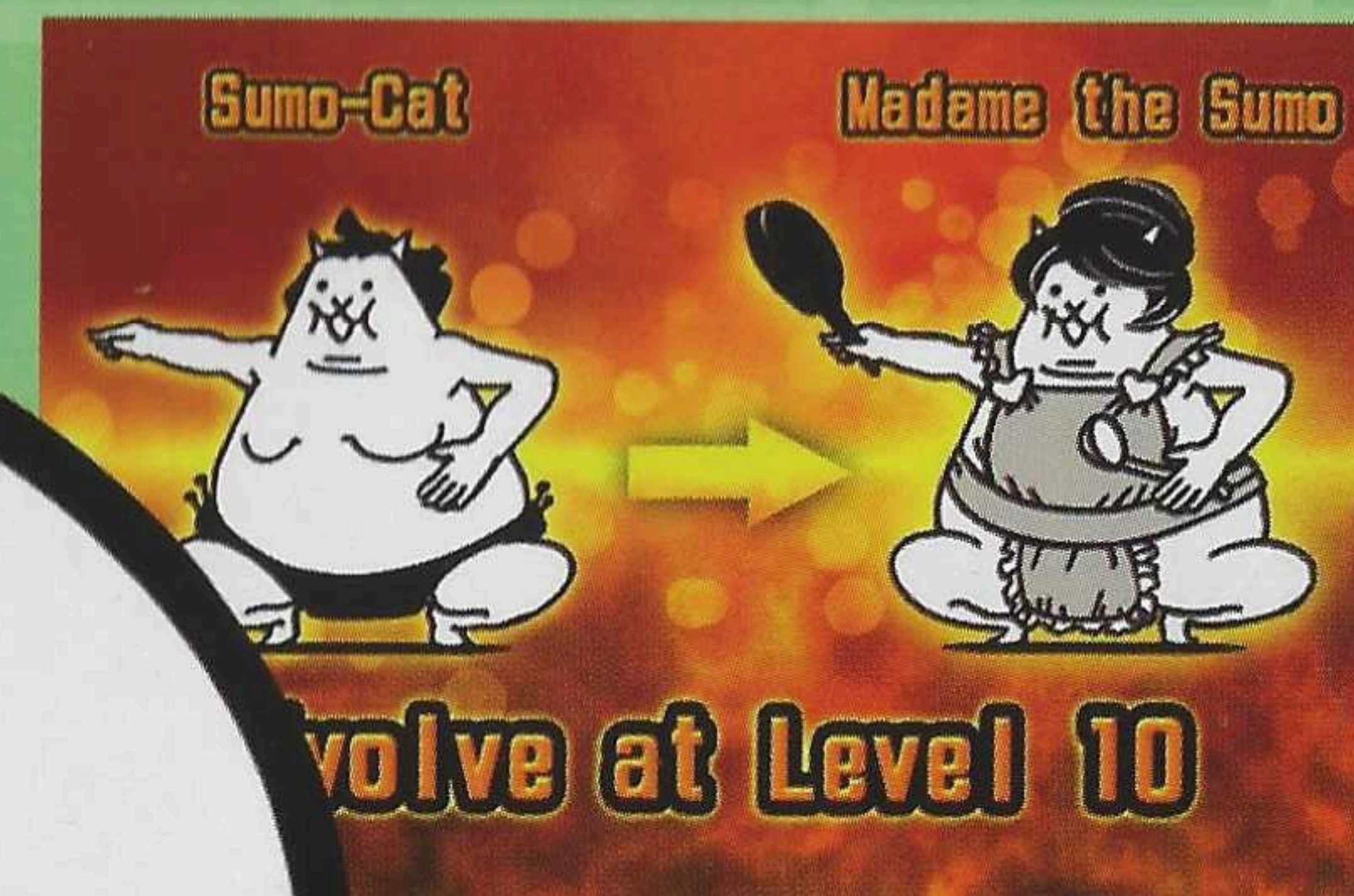
written by Ren

We see robots flying off and battle others; we see warriors face and conquer different kingdoms, there's also zombies conquering a city, now there's...meow- cats? Assist the weird and cute cats through the quest of rampage of the world with The Battle Cats!

With the extremely simple controls and straightforward system, assisting the Cat army became easier. Just tap on the Cat you want to attack for you to defeat the enemy base. Along with the simple controls, you can also level up your Cats with the simple leveling system but there's more to leveling since once they hit level 10, they will evolve!

Along your journey, you'll face really weird and interesting enemies. While exploring and taking over the world, you can collect treasures and aside from it, you can also collect rare and exotic Cats.

*Requires internet connection to access features.



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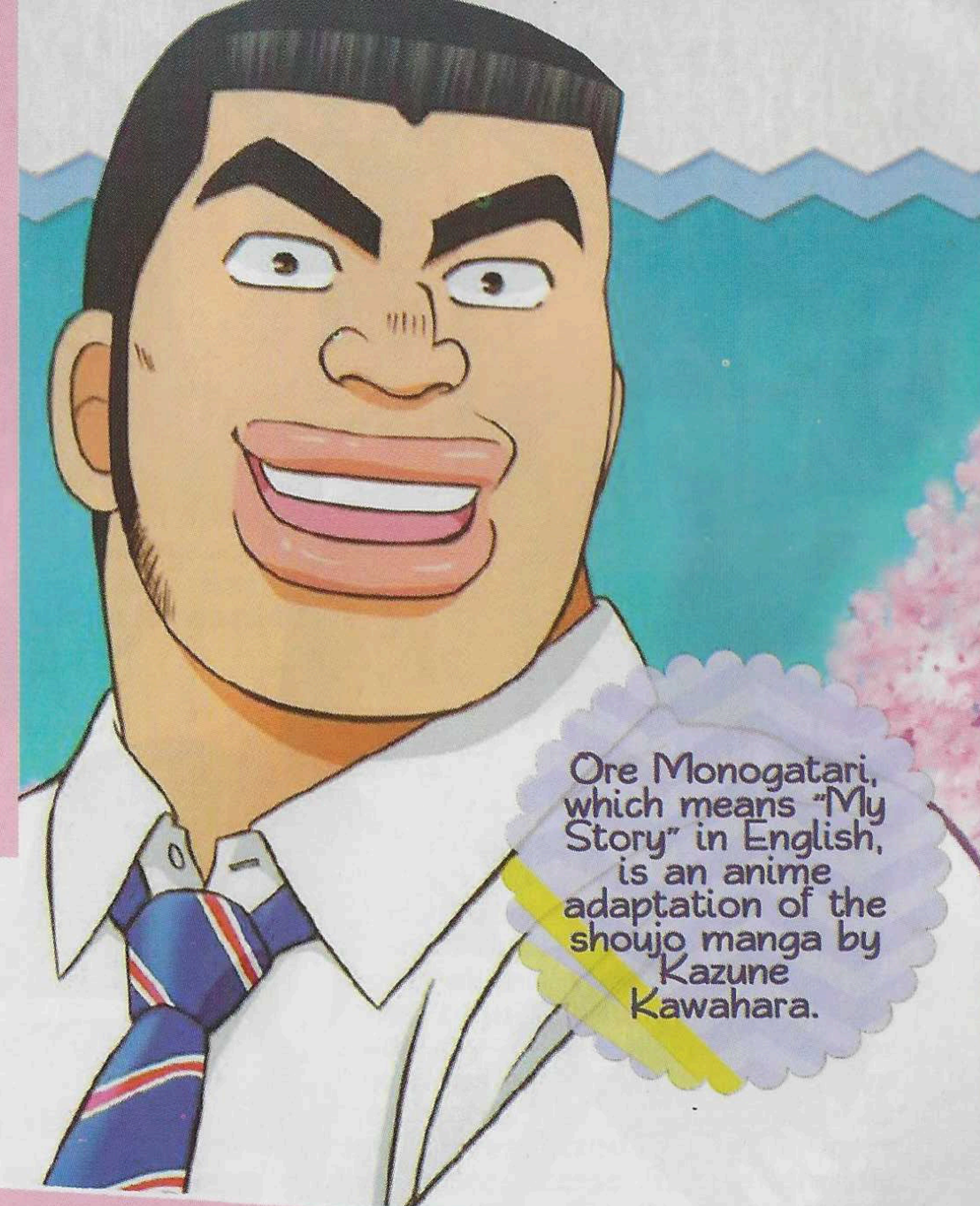
OREMONOGATARI!!

by James



A Big Love Story

Guys just love imagining what it's like to be a straight male lead in an anime, who is usually in a reciprocated romance with a charming anime girl. Unfortunately, the protagonists who they want to be are usually unbelievably good-looking, and sometimes they can't help but think that maybe, even in the 2D world where anything can happen, it's still all about what's on the outside. Well, to be fair, looks do play a part, but it can only get you far enough. In the end, it still boils down to what truly matters: the heart. If you find that hard to believe, just follow Takeo's story of love in Ore Monogatari.



Ore Monogatari, which means "My Story" in English, is an anime adaptation of the shoujo manga by Kazune Kawahara.

The story is centered on Takeo Gouda, a big, tall, and intimidating guy. But despite his physical features, he has a heart of gold - always willing to help anyone in need, and always courageous enough to go for the girl that he likes. Unfortunately, because of his unconventional looks, he gets rejected time and time again. On the other hand, his handsome bishonen good friend Makoto Sunakawa gets the ladies without even trying - a constant cause of envy for our big hero.

One day, Takeo and Makoto ride the train and find a girl being harassed by a pervert. Being the hero that Takeo is in title and reward? Friendship with Rinko Yamamoto, the cute and kind-hearted girl he saves. Is this friendship going to lead to something more wonderful - love? Let this tale of romance and friendship unfold and find out.

With warm and colorful visuals, shoujo-styled character design, and a lighthearted, genuine, and substantial storyline and themes, Ore Monogatari is for every hopeful romantic out there.

COVER FEATURE

by Kahlua

Ichinomiya Eruna is a graduating middle school student who was struggling into finding a high school that she would like to attend to. One day, Eruna's cousin **Ninomiya Shigure** persuaded her to enroll in his current school **Mikagura Gakuen** by showing a pamphlet of the school. Though she refused at first, after being captivated by **Seisa Mikagura**, a model in the school pamphlet, she immediately agreed to enroll in the school as if deliberately wanting to entwine their fates together. However, as soon as she entered the academy, she finds out about the unique system of battles of the cultural clubs in the academy and learns that there is way more fun and interesting things that she should look forward to in her high school life.



ミカグラ学園組曲

-MIKAGURA SCHOOL SUITE-

Basketball Club. Neighbor's Club. Swimming Club. Tennis Club. Volleyball Club. Light Music Club. Classic Literature Club.

If any of these clubs rings a bell, then that's a proof that one has watched a good number of school life themed anime. Certainly, a typical otaku should at least have an idea about the existence of clubs in schools of Japan since a lot of good stories run around the members of a certain club. Sometimes, after watching such kind of series, one would even want to join a club in their own school just because it looks really fun. This makes this type of anime more influential and appealing to spectators since anyone who experienced schooling can easily relate. And now, **Mikagura Gakuen Kumikyoku** (Mikagura School Suite) shows how to step up a story into a new spice of school club activities!

For starters, only cultural clubs exist in **Mikagura Gakuen**. On scheduled events, each club should have a representative who will battle other clubs in order to raise their over-all rank in the school. Ranks are highly important since it basically dictates how plain or luxurious will the students live their high school life. If a club ranks high, it is respected and its members have more access in the dreamy school facilities. On the other hand, members of a low ranking club experience less comfort in their everyday life; thus, battles are taken seriously by students who have their own special techniques and powers that are triggered by special items based on their clubs. Who knows cultural clubs could be used to put up fights when sports clubs are the usual for this? That's **Mikagura Gakuen** for you.

Produced by **Dogakobo studio**, **Mikagura Gakuen Kumikyoku** is an anime whose pilot episode was recently aired last April 6, 2015. **Last Note.**, a two-person unit producer who is known to produce original Vocaloid songs, created **Mikagura Gakuen Kumikyoku** in December 2012 initially as a Vocaloid song series with ten known songs as of present, five having promotional videos (PV) illustrated by **Akina**. After gaining enough popularity and interest, **Last Note.** was eventually able to publish the story of **Eruna** in an ongoing light novel series in July 2013 with 6 volumes at present, and later on as a manga series with currently 4 volumes being published since September 2013. Aired weekly in Japan, the anime is scheduled to have a total of 12 episodes.



CHARACTERS

ICHINOMIYA ERUNA

Eruna is a first year student of Mikagura Gakuen who is yet to join a club in the school. She likes to play otome games with yuri routes and somehow reflects this game addiction in real life when she automatically sees any cute girl as a game protagonist and blatantly daydreams of them being together. Her overly optimistic attitude covers her flaws of being always late and narrow-headed at times.

YASAKA HIMI

Club: Calligraphy Club
Being one of the first students who Eruna met, she is the one who showed her around the dorm they are both staying in. Though she acts like a child sometimes, she is actually skilled and likes to take care of her kouhai in school. She is very lively which matches her totally cute personality.

NINOMIYA SHIGURE

Club: Manga Research Club
Shigure is the president and representative of his club, and also the cousin of Eruna who introduced Mikagura Gakuen to her. Since it appears that he likes her cousin, he constantly makes moves and gestures that will let Eruna notice him. Unfortunately for him though, he seems to be popular to a lot of girls except for Eruna.

MIKAGURA SEISA

Club: Going-Home Club
She is the reason why Eruna enrolled in Mikagura Gakuen, and appears to be the granddaughter of the principal of the school. Seisa is very mysterious as she rarely goes to school and prefers to stay at her mansion (hence her club), yet it is also clear that she is regarded highly in terms of her skills.

KUZURYU KYOMA

Club: Art Club
Rough personality radiates from Kyoma whenever Eruna meets him, but no matter how rude he becomes and how scary he acts, the people around who knows him well always make it a point that he is actually a good man despite it. In fact, that bad impression of him was only made because he masks his good intentions with his sharp tongue and looks.

IMIZU ASUHI

Club: Astronomy Club
Asuhi is the girly type of boy which was agreed by Eruna who is like an expert in sensing feminine hormones. He is also a first year like Eruna, but he was a student of Mikagura Gakuen since middle school making him more accustomed to the rules than a normal newbie. He loves looking at the stars and gains happiness and comfort just by seeing them.

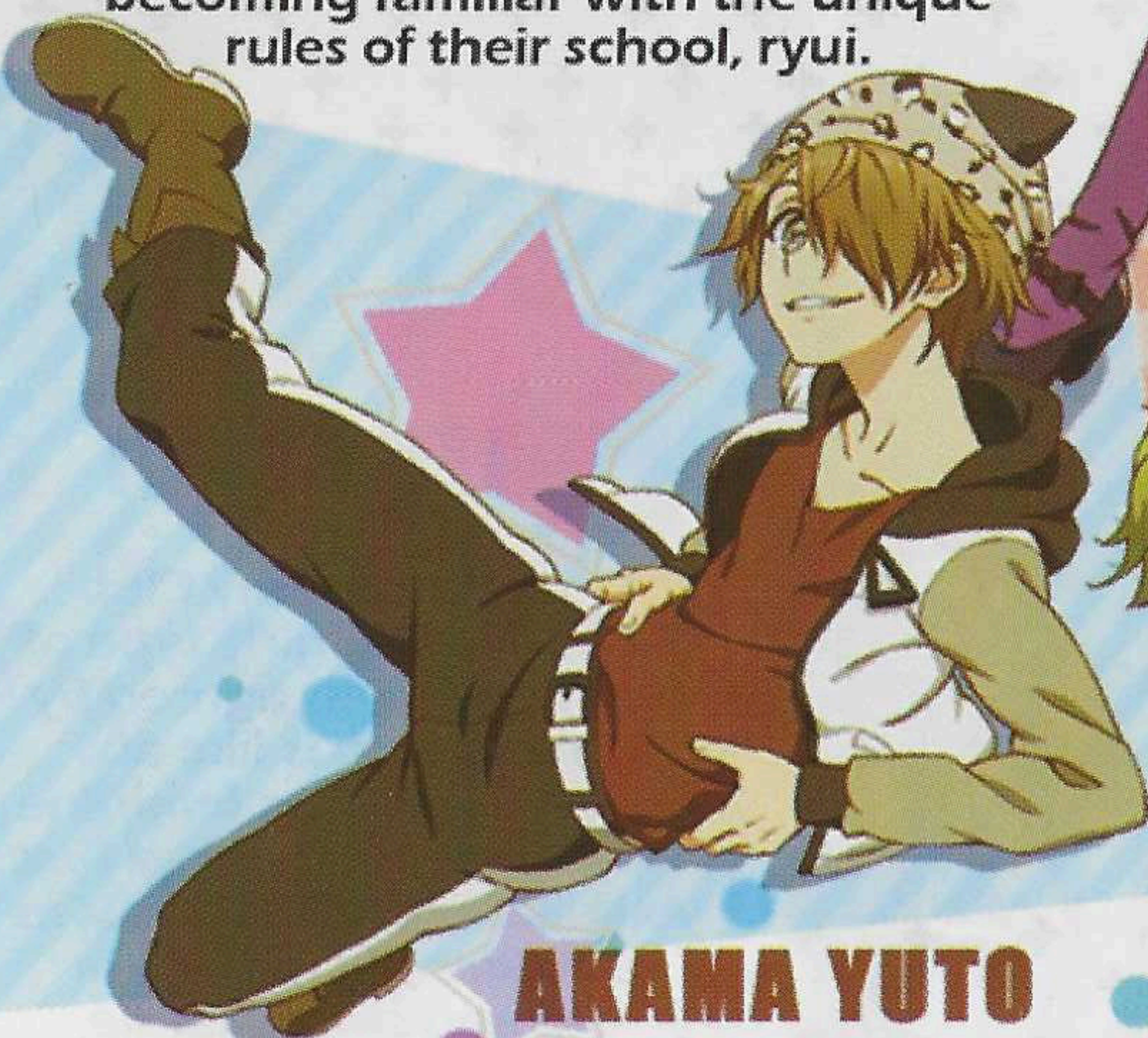
FUJISHIRO OTONE

Eruna first saw her in finals of the Rookie Battle where she emphasized her arrogant nature. However, Eruna finds out that Otone's sharp tongue only shows when she becomes extremely shy and her mind goes blank. After that, she claims that a devil takes over and speaks for her instead (which she detests). Eruna calls this as having White Otone and Black Otone and does fangirling between the two.



BIMII

This cute little flying cat is surprisingly a faculty staff of Mikagura Gakuen as the students refer to him and recognize him as 'sensei'. Eruna nicknamed him Bimii based on the word bimyou (strange) after seeing him talking in that appearance and always weirdly ending his statements with ryui. Bimii is the one who guides Eruna into becoming familiar with the unique rules of their school, ryui.



AKAMA YUTO

Club: Drama Club

Yuto is the representative of his club who always carry a scythe. Given that his club has a lot of members, he is the only protagonist who has a large group of friends, who are mostly first years, inside the club. He always smiles and looks kind; however, who knew that behind that kind face lies a dark past that waits to be discovered.



MINATOOGAWA SADAMATSU

Club: Flower Arrangement Club
His club was getting less and less members that this year he is the only member of the club left from the previous years. Sadamatsu loves flowers that he cannot be anywhere without them. He is the quiet type and is mostly always seen sitting in a traditional Japanese way.



DID YOU KNOW?
GUMI, the featured Vocaloid for all the song in the series of Mikagura School Suite, has her voice provided by a Filipino-Japanese singer named Megumi Nakajima.

As the series is based on a Vocaloid song series created by Last Note., a set of lively and upbeat opening and ending songs is also to be expected. Last Note. made sure of that as they wrote new songs especially for the anime which are entitled Houkago Kakumei (opening theme) and Rakuen Fanfare (ending theme) that are both sung by the voice actors of the After School Paradise Club members. Meanwhile, the anime is slightly different from the original design, but in a way that suits better for a series. In the middle of each episode though, sandwiching commercials are the original character designs.

Mikagura Gakuen Kumikyoku reveals yet another interesting twist for a high school academy. The characters are also balanced in terms of gender and personalities that almost anyone can have their own beloved character no matter their preferences. Cute, serious, sexy, handsome, funny, etc.: you can say that this anime almost have them all. Moreover, the story is light enough and not too deep making it a potential favorite of young viewers, though with a proper plot development, the production team can definitely increase the viewers' age range at the upper limit.





MOVIE REEL

Attack on the Female Titan

The wait for second seasons has always been a huge pain for every fan. The same is true for fans of the *Shingeki no Kyojin* manga who are eagerly waiting for their favorite manga scenes to be animated. For those who are relying solely on the anime, it is even more agonizing. But basically, everyone is aching to know what is in Eren Jaeger's basement. For now, this is what Production I.G. and Wit Studio have to offer.

Last November 22, 2014, the first half of *Shingeki no Kyojin*'s first season was released in Japanese theaters as a compilation movie. The reality that Titans will never be able to breach the walls that people built is now far from reach, as a 50-meter tall Colossal Titan breaks their peace and allows the entrance of different types of Titans within Wall Maria. *Shingeki No Kyojin Zenpen: Guren no Yumiya* from episodes 1 to 13 played a crucial part in establishing the era that Eren, Mikasa, and Armin are in and the development of their characters. The title of the movie "Guren no Yumiya" is also the title of the anime's first opening theme performed by Link Horizon. It means Crimson Bow and Arrow, symbolizing Eren's passion to eliminate Titans.

This June 2015, *Shingeki no Kyojin Kohen: Jiyuu no Tsubasa* hits theaters in Japan for another round of Titan-slaying action, this time featuring the second half of the first season. It is a compilation movie of the first season's episodes 14 to 25. Directed by Tetsuo Araki, the movie focuses on the mystery that is the Female Titan: one who is capable of intelligence, quick moves, and fighting stance. The Female Titan seems to be in pursuit of Eren who is the first known Titan Shifter. This sequel entitled "Jiyuu no Tsubasa" also bears the same title of the anime's second opening theme as sung by Link Horizon. *Jiyuu no Tsubasa* means "Wings of Freedom" represented by the Scouting Legion symbol.

Shingeki no Kyojin Kohen: Jiyuu no Tsubasa

by lizac 3.0



What to expect in this sequel

Diehard Action: The Female Titan first appears when the Scouting Legion is in an expedition to Eren's basement located in the outskirts of Shiganshina. The action here lies when she interferes in the almost perfect formation of the said squad. She was first labeled as an Aberrant Titan, but much to Armin's chagrin, she seemed to be a Titan Shifter like Eren. It also shows every character's struggle while in preparation for the expedition outside the walls.

Successes, Failures, and Deaths: It is of no question that in this anime, you have to be prepared for deaths. However, the life-and-death situations in episodes 14 to 25 are nerve-wracking. The protagonist has to make choices in compromising circumstances that may or may not have a positive outcome. Who can make a lesser evil decision in less than two minutes while being chased by the powerful Female Titan? Both Eren's internal and external conflicts are real, and situations where he has to confront them are breathtaking.

Strategy Formation: Capturing the Female Titan has become their topmost priority in the second half of the first season. Commander Erwin Smith's prowess is shown in this installment as he forms strategies together with his soldiers. Fast movements, fierce fighting skills and keen senses from training all these years, are all shown in *Shingeki no Kyojin Kohen: Jiyuu no Tsubasa*.

People who do not have the knowledge of the anime may find the movies difficult to understand once they watch the prequel and the sequel. However, it's never too late to catch up to this awesome anime. Indeed, Japanese fans are very lucky to have this second half semi-marathon of *Shingeki no Kyojin*. And while we here in the Philippines are waiting for the second season, this is an opportunity to beg Isayama-sensei that our favorite characters do not die (please!)

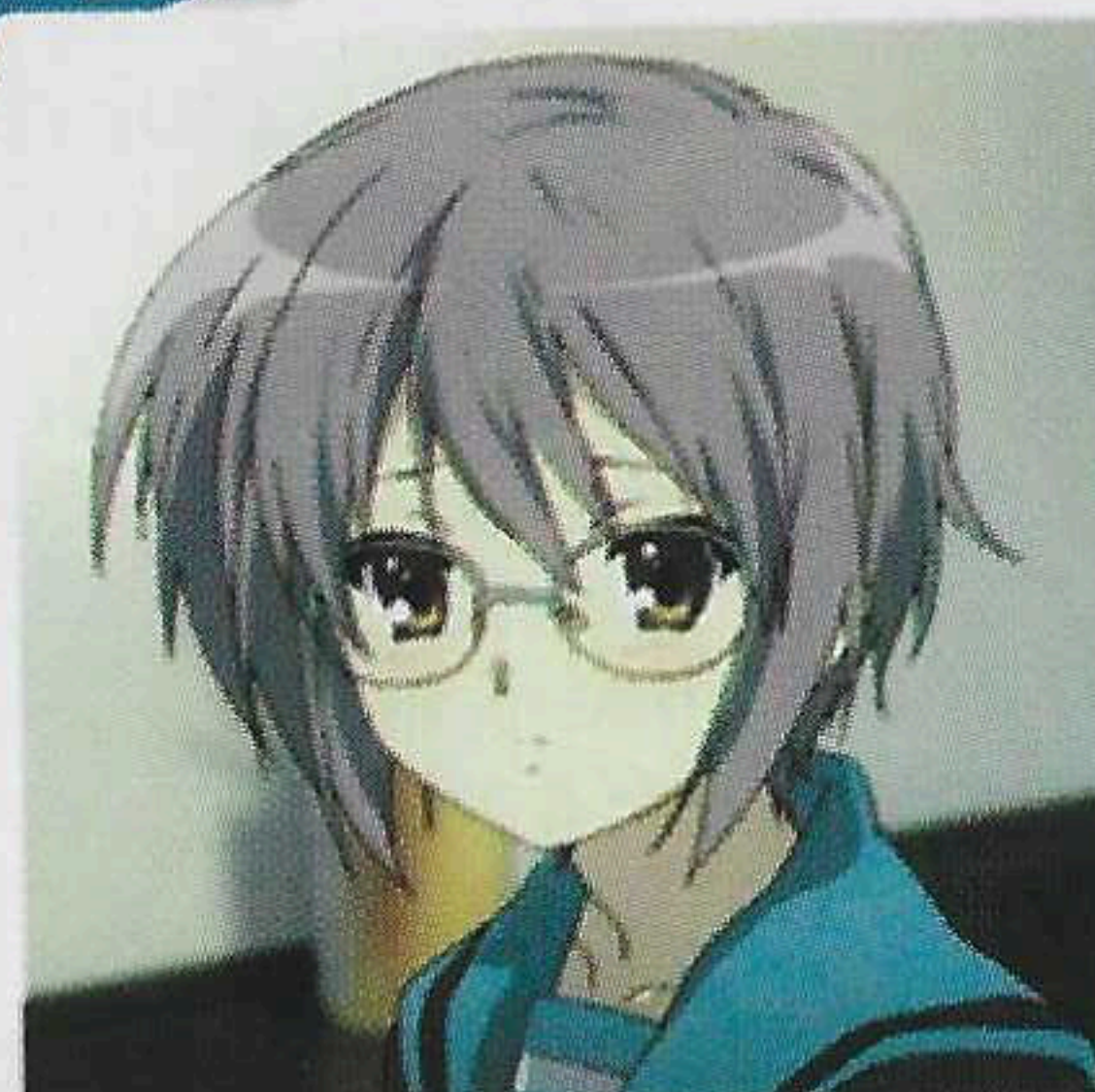


CHARACTER BIO

ALIEN OF THE
SOS BRIGADE!

Yuki Nagato

Haruhi Suzumiya Franchise
CV: Minori Chihara



THE LOOKS

Yuki initially wears glasses but they broke from protecting Kyon from Ryoko. Upon realizing so, Kyon tells her that she looks cuter without her glasses. Yuki rarely wears anything else other than the school uniform unless she was asked to.

ABOUT YUKI

Yuki is described to be a quiet high school freshman who is a member of Haruhi's SOS Brigade who joined voluntarily. She was then discovered as a "humanoid interface" or an artificial human that was created by the Data Overmind and sent to North High to watch over Haruhi Suzumiya. Aside from being a quiet girl, she was also created with limited social abilities and would ignore attempts to communicate. Though over time, Yuki's responsiveness increased, well at least to those who she is familiar with.

Her personality is reflected also in her voice which is usually monotonous and with her rare changes in her expression. Due to these, she also frequently acts shy though this is not shared by other Data Overmind humanoids. She also has a poor understanding of emotions, especially of her own. Yuki also conceals her inhuman nature very poorly, often referring anyone by their full names and forgetting to blink, though her human appearance help her to conceal it.

Being a humanoid interface, Yuki displays special and vast powers such as superhuman strength, ability and stamina. She also has sensory powers and very keen eyesight. Her powers are also enhanced while under data jurisdiction, able to manipulate or destroy data-based organisms or areas.

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Manufactured Emotions

by James

By spending time with people that are near and dear to us, we get to create beautiful and unforgettable memories. Now, would it be any different if it's with artificial people, born and raised in a laboratory? It sounds like a silly question, but for Tsukasa, who lives in a day and age where science has become advanced enough to create seemingly human androids, it's an all-too-real dilemma.

Find out why in Plastic Memories.



プラステック メモリーズ

PLASTIC MEMORIES

In an alternate future, SAI Corporation has finally been able to make something that only exists in science fiction: androids that have human emotions and memories called giftias. Living in this exciting time is Tsukasa Mizugaki, an 18-year old who failed his college entrance exams. Having nothing to do with his life, he was offered a job at SAI Corporation's Terminal Service, thanks to his father's connections. This department deals with the retrieval of giftias that are already nearing the end of their lifespan - which is around nine years - from their owners, as they start losing their memories and personalities when they exceed it. Together with the reserved giftia

Isla, he does what is perhaps one of the most emotionally difficult jobs of their society, and in the process he discovers the deep bond between man and man-like machine.

The anime shows Tsukasa's development in understanding the relationship between people and giftias, not to mention deepening his relationship with Isla. The show also gives much focus on Isla, which in turn gives the audience an idea how the world sees life, society, and humans. As the story of the two progresses, the implications of the giftia technology in the lives of people is also explored - a central theme that basically asks the audience how *human* should a machine be before being considered as a person.

Stunning visuals, a futuristic theme, genuine drama, and interesting and refreshing characters - expect nothing less from Plastic Memories.

Break Through Fate!

by John Robert Lim

The end of mankind: something that can come so swiftly and abruptly. In one stroke, most of these beings of the world fell. As the world gives way to a new era, would you choose to pledge allegiance to the new rulers? For Yuichiro Hyakuya, the answer is a resounding "No!" In fact, the end of the world only signals the beginning of his great battle.



終わりのセラフ Seraph of the end

a second season has been announced for an October broadcast.

This show is really one of the great adaptations this anime season has to offer. It provides a very compelling narrative. The pacing is fast-paced, yet the flow of the story is easy to get into, providing a good way of immediately hooking viewers into the story. Character interactions are another strong suit, as viewers would have fun watching Yuichiro and his new comrades, especially the snarky Shinoa and the gritty Guren.

Owari no Seraph is Funimation's anime adaptation of the manga by Takaya Kagami (Legend of the Legendary Heroes). The series airs from April to June of 2015 with 12 episodes. However, the show doesn't end there, as

With everything that makes an excellent supernatural action series, Owari no Seraph is indeed a welcome addition to the list of great action anime over the years. What are you waiting for?

Meeting of the Parallel Worlds

by John Robert Lim

The world beyond ours might be closer to us than we think... much, much closer. Maybe the only thing that keeps the other world and all its unimaginable inhabitants in check is a thin barrier. What if that barrier collapses, and the two worlds collide?

That is the premise behind Kekkai Sensen, or Blood Blockade Battlefront. In that world, the barrier between Earth and the other world broke down in New York City, causing a fog which resulted in the city's destruction and revival as Jerusalem's Lot. This is now a place where people live alongside these supernatural beings. Leonardo Watch, a journalist, arrives in the city to help his sister. Unexpectedly, he is recruited into Libra, an organization which protects the balance in this new world, due to his special ability, the Eyes of God.

Kekkai Sensen is originally a Jump SQ manga by Yasuhiro Nightow (Trigun and Gungrave). Studio Bones handles the anime adaptation, which began airing on April of 2015 and is expected to last 12 episodes.

Followers of the animation studio would immediately notice the wonderful colors and animation that shows a product that is truly Bones.

血界戦線

Kekkai Sensen

Adding to the stylish animation is the soundtrack, which features various jazz and remixes of classical tunes to provide a unique experience when watching the predominant action scenes in this show. Despite that, the show is not all style with no substance, as it manages to maintain the interesting story premise to keep up with the flashiness.

Would you like a slightly different flavor on your urban fantasy anime? Yes? Then make sure to add Kekkai Sensen into your watchlist!



DREAM-COLORED PARADE

BY REIKISHA



A new school term has started. Alice, Shinobu, Aya, Yoko and Karen are now divided into two different classes for the rest of the year. The girls slowly adjust to the changes in school, but that doesn't stop their antics wherever they are. Especially now that a new teacher and schoolmate joins them in making their everyday life fun and interesting.

Hello!! Kin-iro Mosaic is a slice-of-life anime series based from the original manga series written by Yui Hara and the sequel to the 2013 series titled "Kin-iro Mosaic". It is scheduled to run for 12 episodes from April to June 2015. The second season is produced by Studio Gokumi and licensed in North America by

Sentai Filmworks.

Hello!! Kin-iro Mosaic's animation style and overall ambiance remained consistent, which successfully delivers the lighthearted comedy the series have. New characters are introduced in the second season: Akari Kuzehashi, Honoka Matsubara and Yoko's younger siblings; Kouta and Mitsuki.

Among the new characters, Kuzehashi-sensei has the most noticeable impact to the series ever since her debut because of her friendly student-teacher relationship with the girls and looks up to Karasuma-sensei as her role model.

Cute girls doing cute things. That's what Hello!! Kin-iro Mosaic is all about!

It is highly recommended for those who are into lighthearted comedy and blonde-haired girls.



WELCOME BACK, GIN-SAN!

BY REIKISHA

If you thought that the Final Chapter movie is the conclusion of the Gintama anime series, then you're dead wrong! Odd Jobs Gin-san is now back in action featuring aliens, time clocks and fondling of breasts! This 2015 marks the third comeback of Gintama to the Japanese TV and finally to the fans worldwide!

Hideaki Sorachi's Gintama° is an on-going comedy anime series produced by BN Pictures. It's scheduled to air every Thursday in Tokyo TV.

Expect more fourth-wall breaking, parodies, and dirty jokes in the episodic story about everyone's favorite silver-permed samurai living his life in the city of Edo!



A NEW WEAPON

BY KANDDY

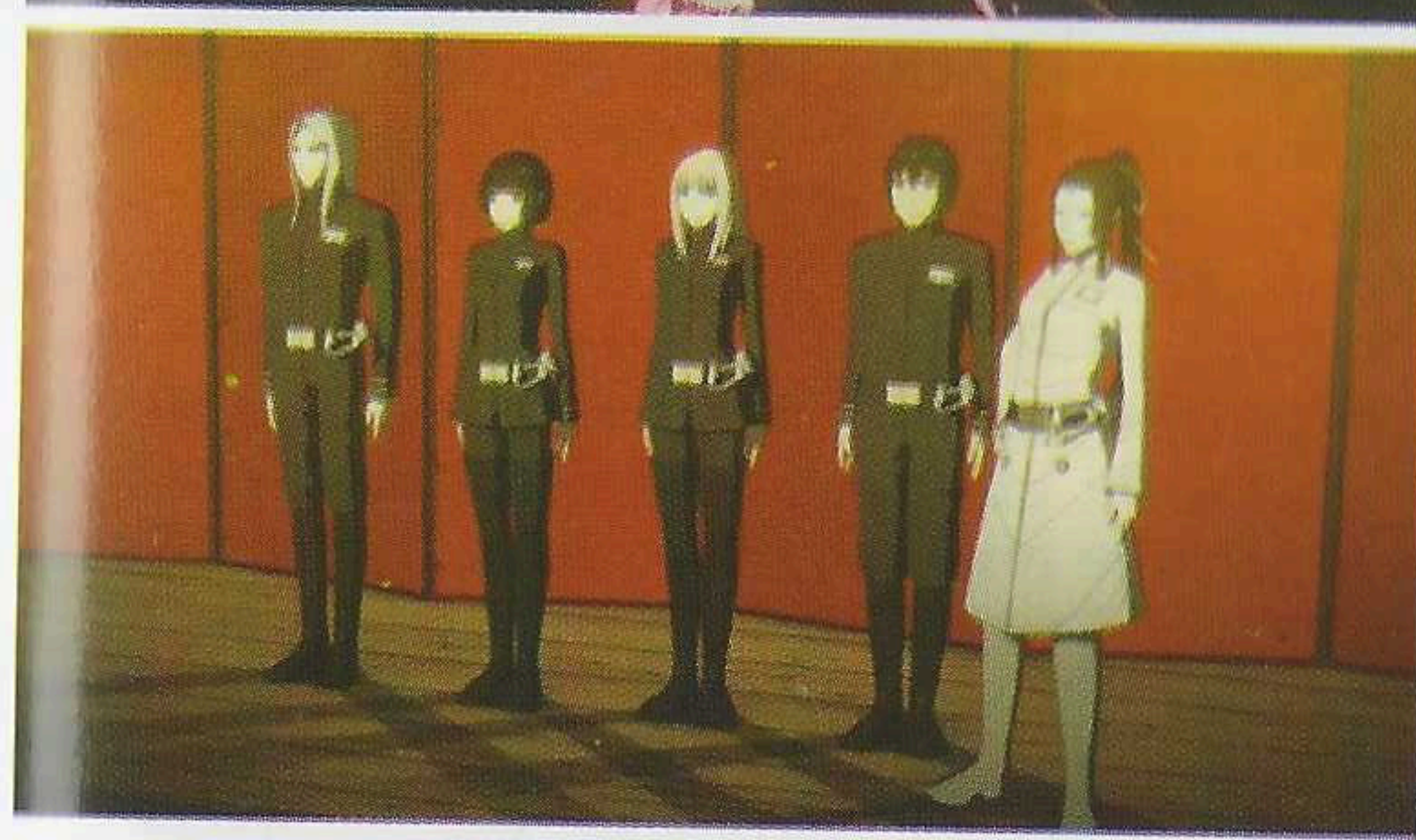
シドニアの騎士

KNIGHTS OF SIDONIA

If you have not been watching Knights of Sidonia, you should. It is not your typical mecha versus alien anime. The new season introduces that alien and human could combin, and she is excited!

Tsumugi Shirai is a Chimera: a Gauna-human hybrid developed inside Sidonia. She is not very well versed in the ways of human but is very eager... or too eager to learn. Meet her by watching Sidonia no Kishi: Dai-kyū Wakusei Sen'eki.

Based on a manga by Tsutomu Nihei and published by Kodansha, this second season is directed by Hiroyuki Seshita. Kishi Kōshinkyoku by Angela as the opening song and "Requiem" by CustomiZ as the ending song.



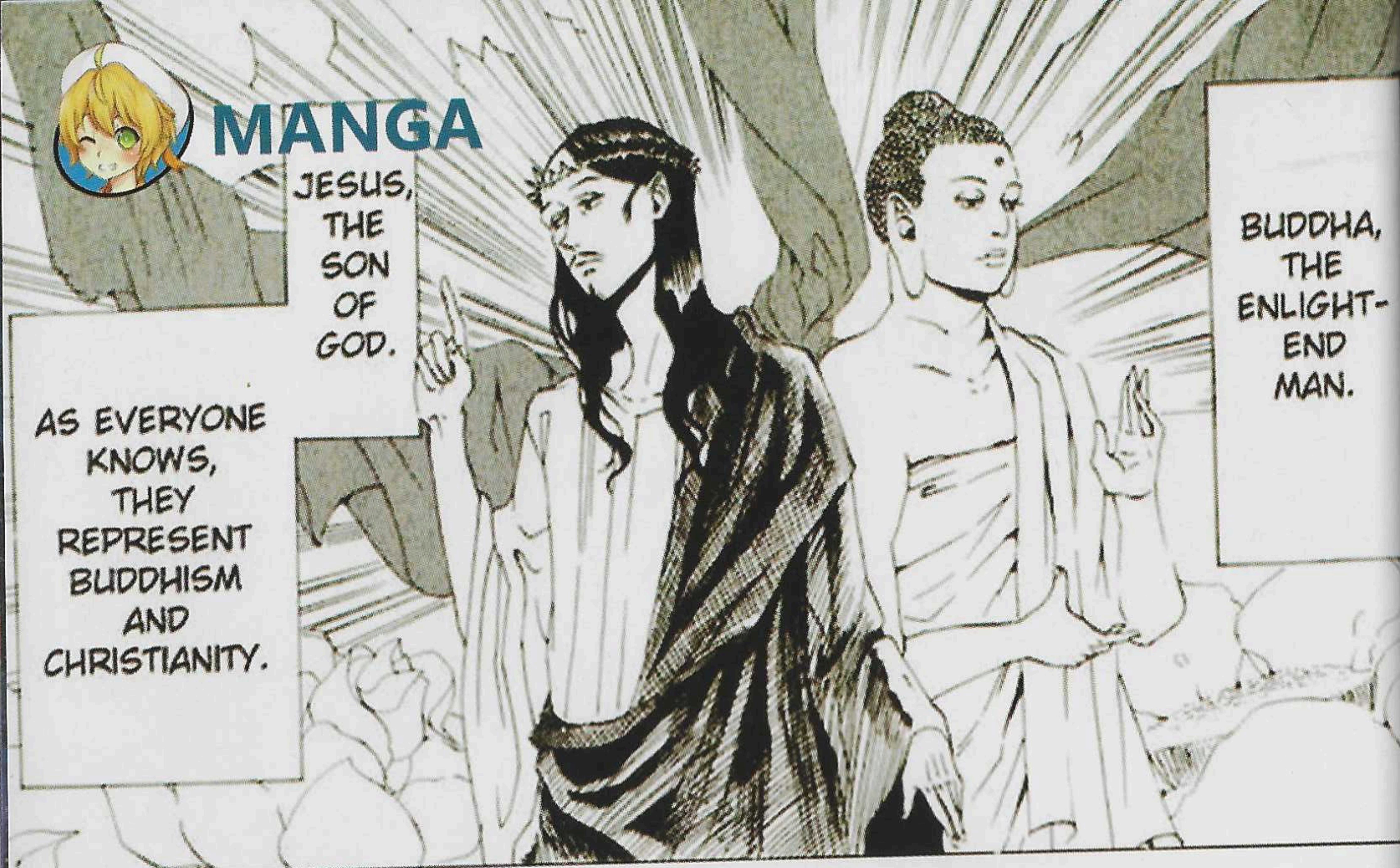


MANGA

AS EVERYONE KNOWS, THEY REPRESENT BUDDHISM AND CHRISTIANITY.

JESUS, THE SON OF GOD.

BUDDHA, THE ENLIGHT-
END
MAN.



The plot, symbolisms, and themes found in a lot of manga are influenced by religion. Some are obvious, while some are so discreet that you would have to do a little bit of research first. And then there's one manga that doesn't just show its influences from religion, but instead takes the respective figureheads of two different religions and makes them share the same boarding room. By the sheer ridiculousness of that line alone, you should've already gotten by now that it's a comedy. Without a doubt, it is, so be of good cheer with Saint Oniisan.

Written and drawn by Hikaru Nakamura, the same mangaka behind the crazily hilarious *Arakawa under the Bridge*, *Saint Oniisan*, which is translated as *Saint Young Men* in English, follows the lives of Jesus and Buddha as they try to live in modern-day Japan. Watch them experience the customs and conditions of Japanese culture and millennial life through their divine and comedic ways.

Considering that the manga has reimagined versions of the deities of two important world religions, Nakamura-sensei makes sure that the stories and virtues of the two protagonists are relevant, accurate, and respectful to their highly revered source materials.

SAINT YOUNG MEN

BY JAMES



Because of this, the manga serves as not just a source of entertainment, but also of values and lessons in history and culture.

If you're looking for a strange but funny and look at Jesus and Buddha that isn't offensive and full of positive morals, *Saint Oniisan* should be a good book to start with.



HANDA-KUN

BY JAMES



This hilarious school life manga, which is authored and drawn by Satsuki Yoshino, chronicles the high school life and times of our eponymous hero Seishu Handa, the protagonist of *Barakamon*, effectively making this a prequel spinoff.

Calm, talented, and reserved, everybody thinks he's awesome, especially when he's showing off his mad skills with the brush. Problem is that Handa-kun believes that it's the exact opposite: nobody likes him, and that he should be careful in everything he does. Thanks to him getting his status quo mixed up, lots of zany events happen, making his life colorful even without his knowledge.

Handa-kun typically goes like this: a classmate has something against Handa-kun and explains why in a back story. He sums up courage to face Handa. Something happens that changes his perspective entirely and starts to adore Handa. Can't understand?

Just read it!

If you're looking for a fresh take on the unpopular high school kid trope, Handa-kun should be a good slice-of-life suggestion to go with.

Teenage life can be pretty awkward, especially if you have no idea how your peers see you. You could either think you're cool even though they disagree, or it can be the other way around. Yes, you can actually be popular without you knowing it, just like Handa-kun.

Yes, Handa-kun from *Barakamon*. This is his story when he was in high school.

19 DAYS

by Old Xian

article by kanddy

First of all, we asked for permission to use their images but we did not receive a reply so we (Otaku Asia) cannot use any of their images
crying face

However, it doesn't mean we could not tell you about this wonderful manhua.

Zhan Zheng Xi or Spazz, as the fans have named him, is a student. His best friend, Jian Yi (Flirt) has been with him since preschool. Their normal day-to-day interactions is riddled with funny coincidences and friendly banter. There are also days when it becomes more than friendly...

Edited by Moss and drawn by Old Xian, 19 Days is a manhua released online. Not to be confused with the anthology book of the same title.

We first encountered with 19 days on a tumblr account, <http://yaoi-blcd.tumblr.com/> which is a translator group that translates several manhuas including 19 days and Their Story. We could not find any English notes on the artist old 先 or Old Xian only that he is a Chinese artist of very high calibre.

Find his works at <http://ouxian623.tumblr.com/>

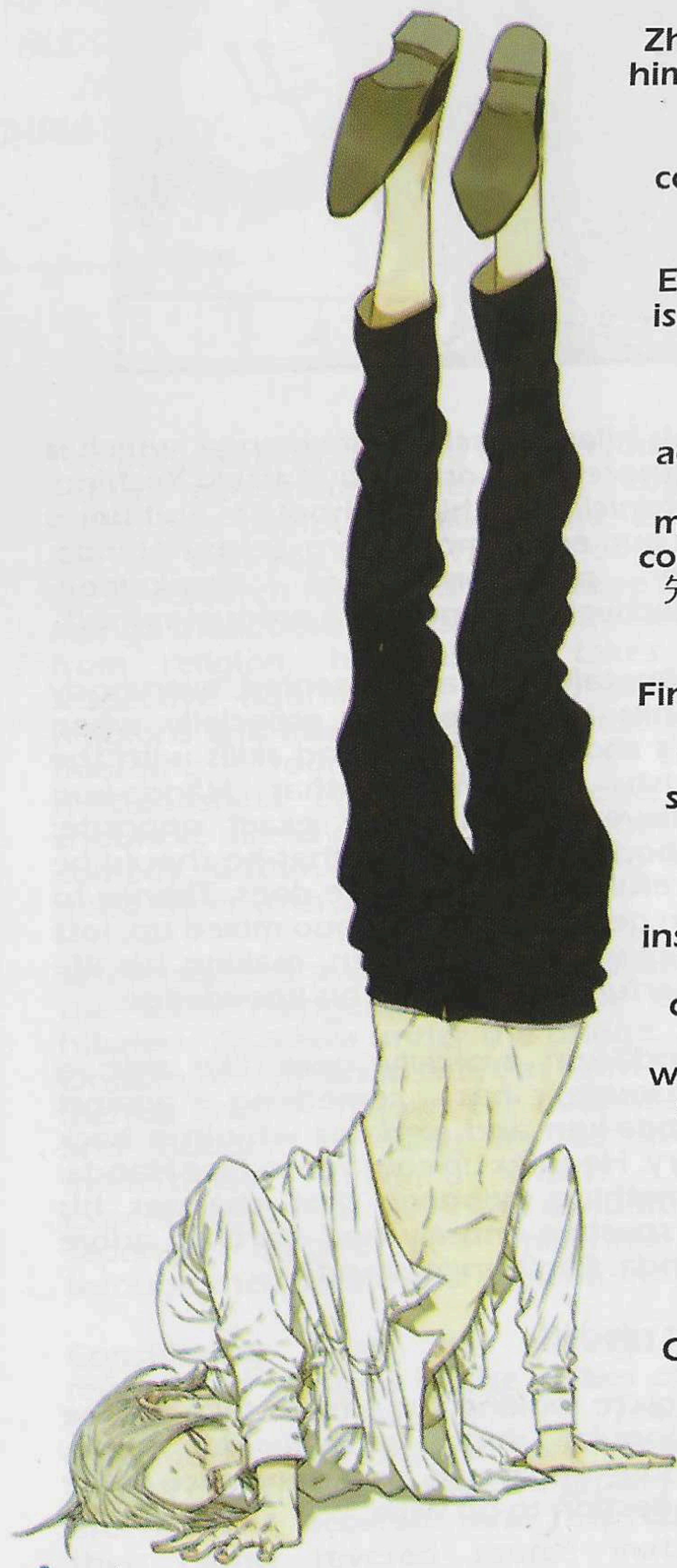
The manhua is very engaging and funny. Since stories about love and crushes are easy to relate to, this one will not be very hard to enjoy.

When they were young, Spazz and Flirt were inseparable. Flirt was loud and fights with bullies. They went to middle school together but Flirt disappeared the second day of high school. One day, Spazz opens his door to a bloody friend. It was never explained why he was away for a long time but one thing is for sure, since then, Spazz' school life has never been the same.

We really do recommend this manhua. It's not full on yaoi and it has a great story to it. Other than that, you also get the funny instances and some awkward situations. We've seen some Chinese cosplayers cosplay them already and we are looking forward to seeing Filipino cosplay and fanart trying their go at the manhua that is getting really good rapport since last year.

Happy reading!

@old先



THEIR STORY

Tamen de Gushi by Tan Jiu

article by kanddy

Yaoi is one thing but yuri is another.

Their Story is about two girls in high school. Qiu Tong and Sun Jing are two very different people. Although they are also from different schools, they met in a bus station. Well I say 'met' but actually...

Tan Jiu is the artist for Their Story or Tamen de Gushi. We understand that Old Xian, Moss and Tan Jiu all work at the same place. This may be why their art styles have similarities. Their coloring styles and how they draw hair and clothes look similar.

This is one of the manhua being translated by yaoi-BLCD and is available for online viewing. They are very strict with their artworks so we would not recommend you using them to share on Facebook or anywhere else without their permission.

Tan Jiu's works could be seen on <http://www.weibo.com/u/1300957955>

One thing we noticed from this manhua is that he draws backgrounds really well! There are scenes on a public gym, convenience store (you could actually distinguish the products!), outside while raining, etc! *cries* Such master....

Since the two have started getting along, Sun Jing's friend, Qi Fang (aka Mophead) has been the third party. This does not stop him having really cool side stories! Like when he took photos of when Sun Jing fell on the stairs or when she left him to clean PE room, and when she did not save him from a splash of water (she saved Qiu Tong instead).

Not into yaoi or yuri but like the artwork? NO WORRIES. There is also another manhua, Mosspace by both Tan Jiu and Old Xian. It's about an ad agency and the funny happenings and weird clients that they have. Even Moss is there! This is more a comedy manga so anyone can enjoy!

Seriously, we are fans of the manhua. Highly recommend. Must read. Much wow. Very-

what?





TANAKA-KUN WA ITSUMO KEDARUGE

BY JOHN ROBERT LIM

Tanaka-kun wa Itsumo Kedaruge is a slice-of-life manga starring Tanaka, a lazy boy unmotivated towards even the smallest of things, and his daily adventures. Those "adventures" are his attempts at freeing himself from the need to exert effort with doing his daily routine. These include sneaking in breaks during gym time, all the way to taking his shirt off without the need to remove the buttons. Luckily for this unmotivated fellow, he has a friend, Oota, to take care of him and keep up with his daily antics.

Tanaka-kun wa Itsumo Kedaruge is a relatively new publication, which also happens to be Nozomi Uda's first series. Its run on Gangan Online began on 2013. As of the time of this writing, at least 8 chapters have been released.

While the series does not have any major story for readers to follow, the daily antics of the main duo provide enough amusement to keep readers entertained. Even with good comedy, it is still hard to keep manga readers entertained without the right kind of artistic style for the genre.



YANDERE KANOJO

BY KANDDY

Yandere is someone who is not what you think. It may be someone who looks cute and innocent but is actually violent and obsessive. It can also be someone like Reina, who is rowdy and tomboyish but actually has a soft and romantic side.

Reina was approached by Manabu one day asking her to be his girlfriend. She accepted but made it secret because of her reputation as the school delinquent. So when someone is on the verge of finding them out, Reina acts as if she was fighting Manabu, school's top student.

Every chapter is a whirlwind of cute and crazy instances where Manabu does something that touches Reina's heart. She falls more and more in love with him. But someone always comes and Reina has to act like herself again (sadly hurling Manabu to the skies). Don't worry about Manabu! He is actually starting to gain strength from all that he has to tolerate for Rei.

By Shinobi of Nekura Musume to Internet, is Yandere Kanojo full of comedy, romance with simple lineart and screentones. While the title says "Yandere" it's not the Yuno Gasai level. It's more on the dere-dere.

Read it! It'll tickle your inner yandere~~

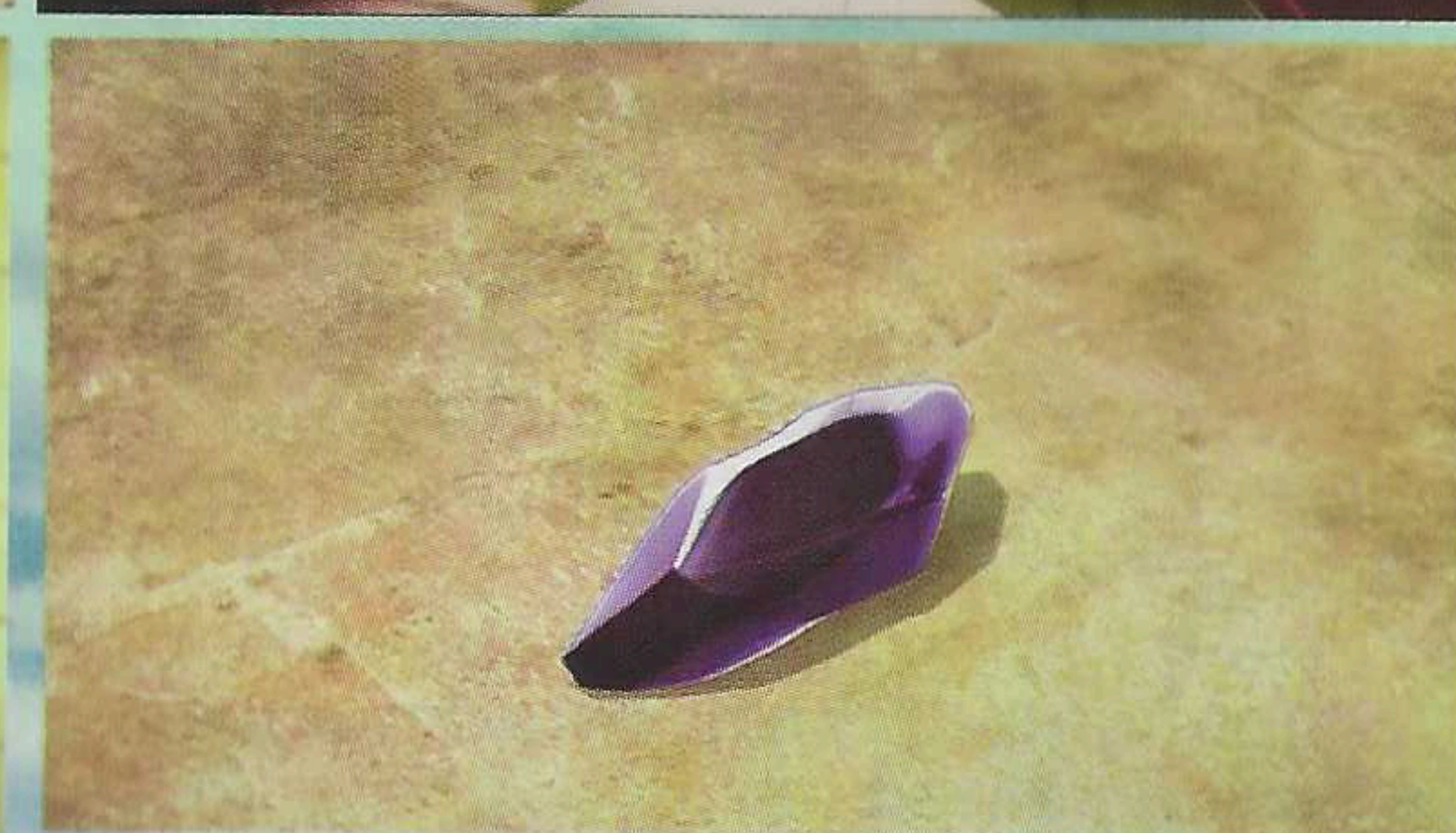


DUNGEON NI DEAI WO MOTOMERU NO WA MACHIGATTEIRU DAROU KA

(Is It Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon?)

By Mikelle Abubo

Fated meetings can be considered as a once in a lifetime chance that entwines two or more individuals and signals the start of a strong bond which can either turn into a fiery rivalry, a beautiful friendship or even an unexpected romance. In the case of an upstart adventurer named **Bell Cranel**, fateful encounters seems to be happening quite frequently, almost a dime a dozen.



In the city of **Orario**, beneath the rustle and bustle of the huge city lies a great labyrinth that most residents call the **Dungeon**. Bell Cranel sets forth as a newbie adventurer equipped with a small knife, big dreams and aspirations. Bell accidentally wanders off and encounters a monster that only experienced adventurers can handle, a Minotaur. Fortunately, he was saved by beautiful and skilled woman to whom he became infatuated with at first sight, albeit after running outside the dungeon all covered with the monster's blood. Bell later came to know the name of his savior who also carries the title of Sword Princess, **Aizu Wallenstein**. From thereon, the Sword Princess secretly served as Bell's inspiration for becoming stronger and thus he set his sights to an even bigger dream.

Dungeon ni Deai wo Motomeru no wa Machigatteiru Darou ka (tl: Is It Wrong to Try to Pick Up Girls in a Dungeon?), commonly known as **DanMachi** is an action-adventure anime from the Spring 2015 Season lineup by **J.C. Staff**.

The opening theme is "Hey World" by Yuka Iguchi, and the ending theme is "RIGHT LIGHT RISE" by Kanon Wakeshima. Crunchyroll streamed the series beginning April 3, 2015. Sentai Filmworks has licensed the anime for digital and home video release in North America. The anime has garnered a lot of fans throughout the world. Even here in the Philippines, Hestia is a popular character.

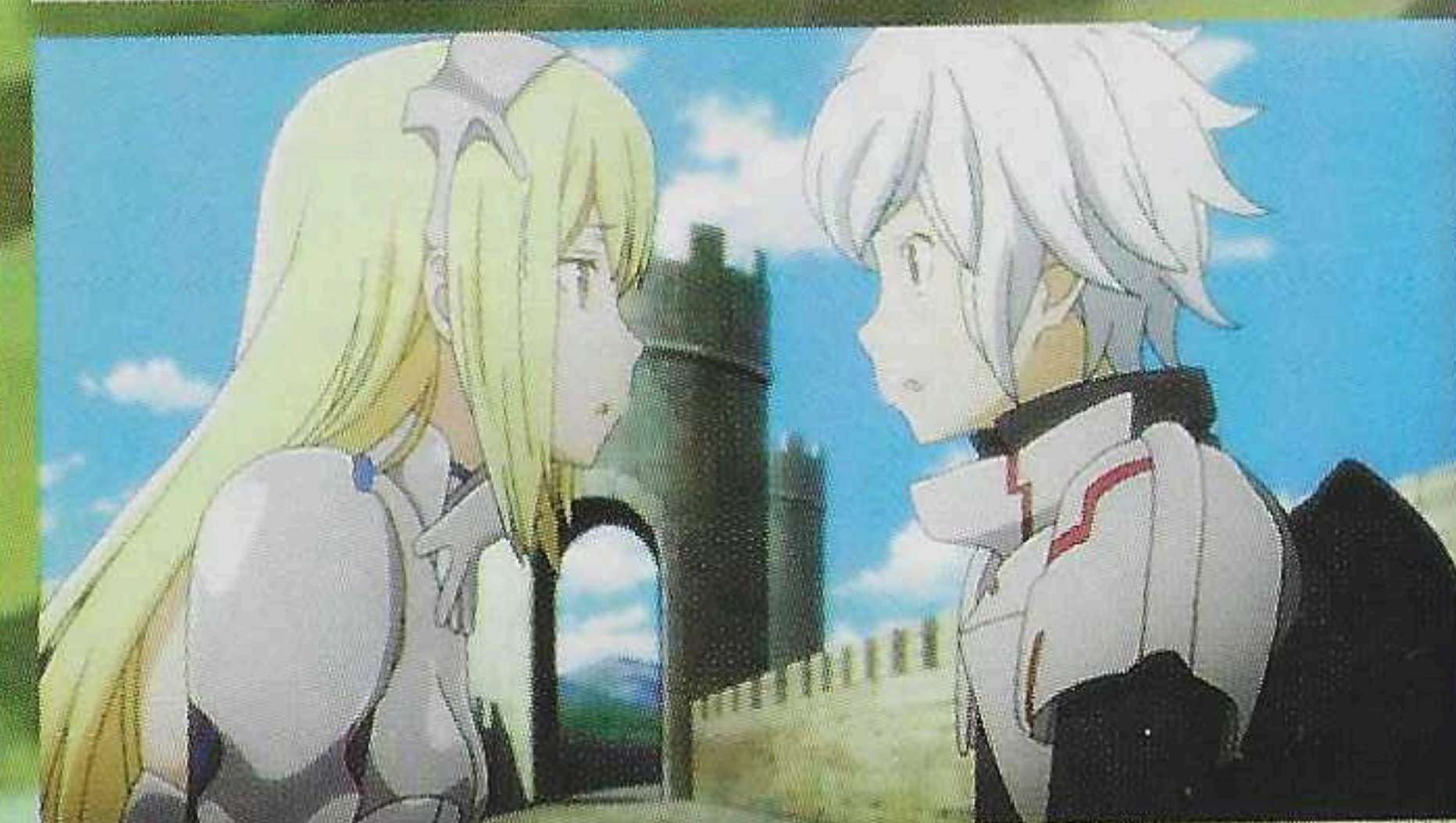
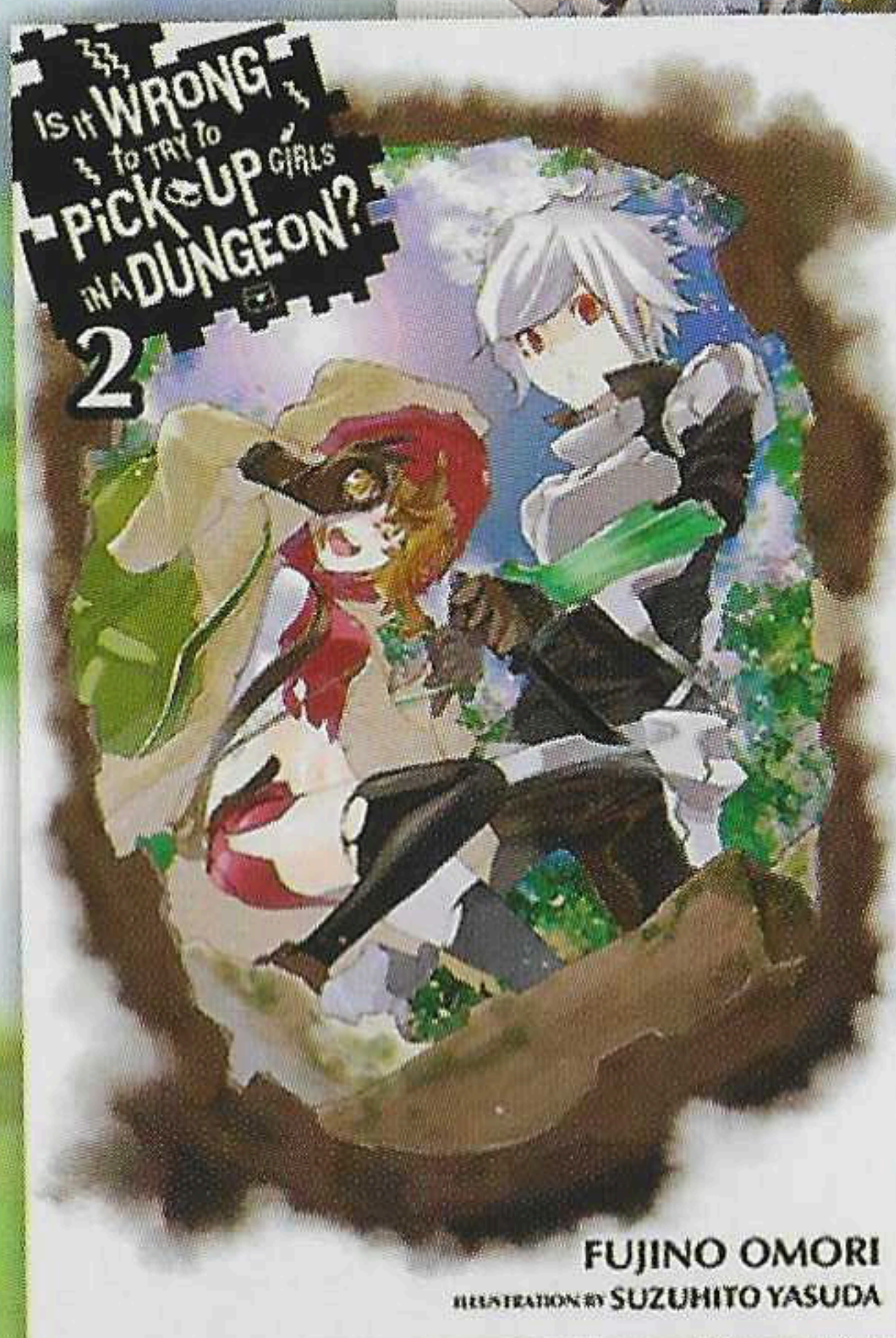
ダンジョンに会いを 求めるのは間違っているだろうか FAMILIA MYTH

DanMachi is originally adapted from the Light Novel series of the same title whose popularity skyrocketed and is already widely known even before the anime adaptation came forth. The light novel is written by Oomori Fujino and the art is illustrated by Yasuda Suzuhito. DanMachi also has side story that focuses on the Sword Princess, Aizu Wallenstein and her companions in the Loki Familia. Manga adaptations of the two stories are also being serialized.

The theme for DanMachi replicates that of an role-playing games where the hero encounters and gather allies as they conquest dungeons, hunt treasures, exterminate monsters and finish any quest they are given. In DanMachi, Orario's main feature is the Dungeon that houses an assortment of monsters. It's the place that adventurers risk their lives visiting everyday in search of riches and fame.

Adventurers also join a group or organization called Familia which is like a guild that is lead by either a god or a goddess. The main reason why Bell goes solo is because the only member of his Familia besides himself is the infamous goddess Hestia.

DanMachi's story could easily absorb those that watch the series in to its own pacing. The show will surely provide great action and entertainment for those RPG lovers that yearn for a fresh start. Great characters, fantastic art style, fancy fight scenes and innocent romance definitely awaits anyone that decides to pick up this wonderful series. If ever you were also given a chance to embark on a journey inside a dungeon, what sort of Adventurer would you be?



CHARACTER

Bell Cranel

Bell is a young adventurer who hailed from a village outside Orario. He was inspired by the stories he read in his childhood about heroes and decided to become an adventurer with the hopes of fulfilling his dream of becoming a hero. Upon arriving at Orario, Bell was crestfallen as no Familia wants to take him in but the wheels of fate started turning as soon as he encountered the goddess Hestia.

Bell is often compared to a rabbit by his acquaintances due to his appearance. His weapons of choice are either short swords or knives and he also takes pride in his speed and agility. Bell was able to acquire a rare skill which he himself is unaware of called Realis Phrase. The skill exponentially accelerates his growth rate which is reciprocal to his feelings of achieving his dream and also being recognized by the Sword Princess Aizu.

Hestia

Hestia is a goddess and serves as the Familia's deity. She encounters Bell as he was about to give up since no other Familia wants to take him in. Hestia is very fond of Bell and has taken care of him since the first time they met. Hestia is in charge of upgrading Bell's status like every other god/goddess. She was fairly caught by surprise when she found out about Bell's rapid growth due to Realis Phrase which made her very jealous since she knows that Bell acquired the skill because of his admiration for Aizu. Despite everything that happens, Hestia always provides her full support with assisting Bell fulfill his dreams.

Hestia is quite infamous and is often made fun of by her fellow goddesses due to having an ample chest despite having a petite figure. She also speaks in an unrefined and masculine manner. Hestia is in love with Bell but can't get herself to tell him about it and instead provides subtle hints to the boy despite Bell's denseness.



Aizu Wallenstein

Aizu is a well known adventurer from the Loki Familia who is most commonly known as the Sword Princess. It was her and her companion's mistake that a minotaur accidentally escaped and encountered Bell within the Dungeon, but she was also the one who saved Bell from peril.

Aizu and Bell afterwards meets at other different occasions but most of their encounters results in Bell running away due to his shyness and embarrassment which made Aizu misbelieves that Bell hates her. Aizu later on decides to train Bell on how to wield his weapon in a more proper manner and in other arts of combat.

Along with her unmatched sword skills, Aizu is equipped with a special sword that never breaks called Desperate which has the unique property of Durandal or Indestructibility. Aizu is hell-bent on pursuing absolute strength to the point that she always charge head on into perilous situations with unwavering resolve.



Liliruca Arde

Lili is a mischievous beastman or a Chientrope from the Soma Familia. She acts as a supporter for adventurers which resulted in her being bullied by others since many adventurers looks down on her job class. Due to some circumstances with her Familia, Lili was forced to do countless malevolent things until she met Bell and the boy saved her from all that torments her. Since then, Lili turned over a new leaf and also develops feeling for Bell as she decides to be his' full time supporter.

Eina Tulle

Eina is a half elf from the Guild that acts as Bell's adviser and consultant in the matters of Dungeon exploring and other related stuffs. She often scolds Bell due to his innocence and naiveté since she knows that it could cost his life if ever he let his guard down.

Eina supports Bell in many ways and provides him all the information that he needs because she does not want him to face any critical situation. She sometimes works behind the scene to help him out and shamelessly asks others for help just to save him. Eina is also hinted to have feelings for Bell which her coworkers use as a pretense to tease her.



Seal Flover

Seal is a girl that Bell met by chance while he is on his way to the dungeon. Seal works as a waitress at a pub called Mistress of Abundance and provides Bell with free lunch boxes almost everyday. At first she was just fond of Bell but was finally taken aback and fell for him when she witnessed Bell's courage and valor when he was able to slay a monster that escape into town. From then on, she was teased more by her colleagues about Bell and how she gives him special treatment.





ライブ・スペクタクル

NARUTO

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STAGE PLAY

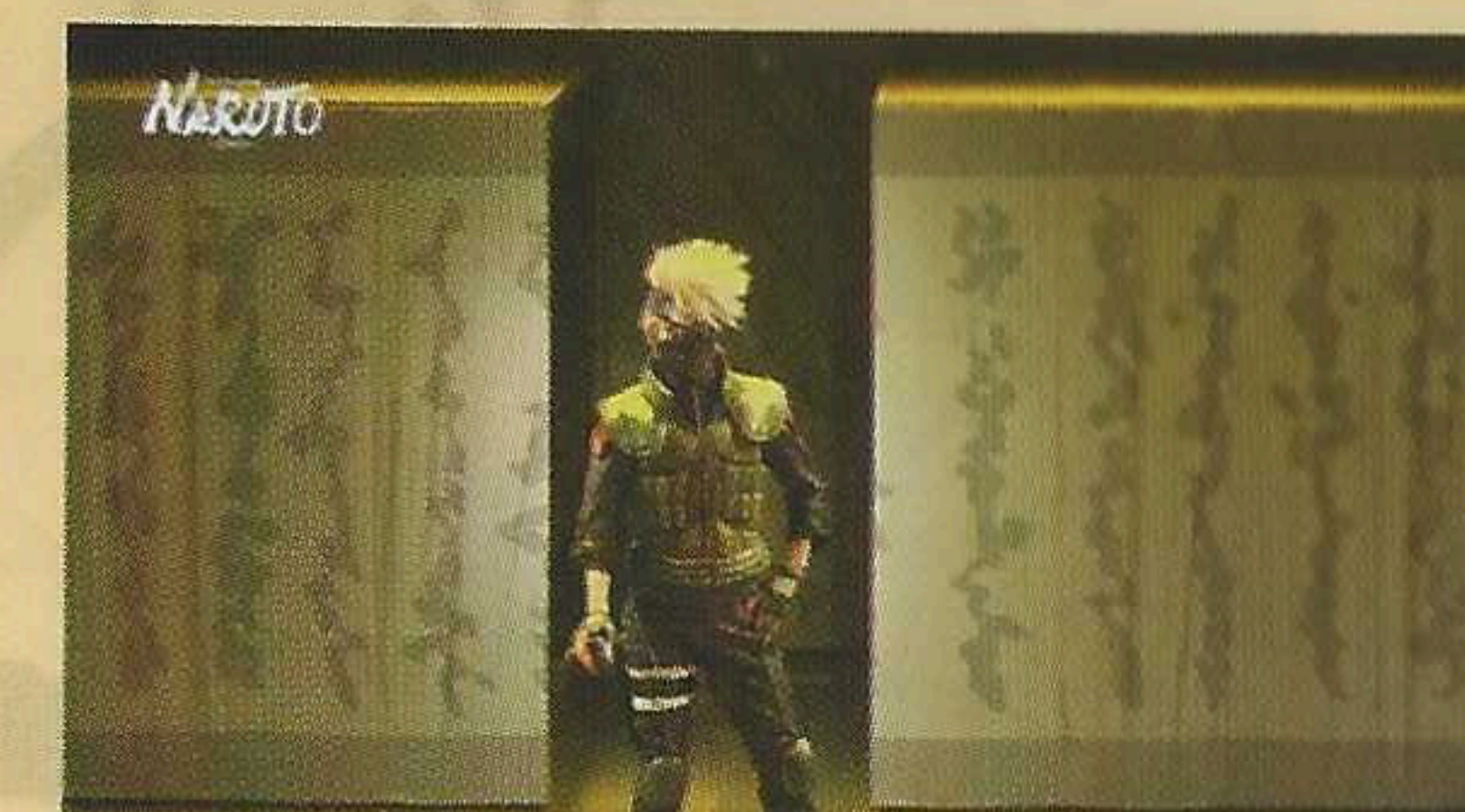
by Yani



Shunned and hated; that is what Naruto had experienced during his childhood due to the fact that he holds the nine tailed fox within himself whom nearly destroyed the village of Konoha. Despite of being the deadlast of his class, he proved among his friends and fellow villagers that he can become a great ninja and hokage one day and also that he is Naruto Uzumaki, the hero and protector of the village and not the pariah of the village.

For 15 years, we followed Naruto in his journey to become a great ninja and his dream to become the hokage. He became the hero of the Konoha village, he also became the seventh hokage and he attained what he always wanted since he was a kid, a family together with Hinata and their kids: Boruto and Himawari.

In celebration of 15 years of Naruto, a special project was commenced last December 2014 entitled Naruto New Era Project. One of these is the musical which started last March 2015.



In the musical, Naruto was played by Kodai Matsuoka, Sasuke by Ryuji Sato, Sakura by Yui Ito and Kakashi by Yuuki Kimisawa

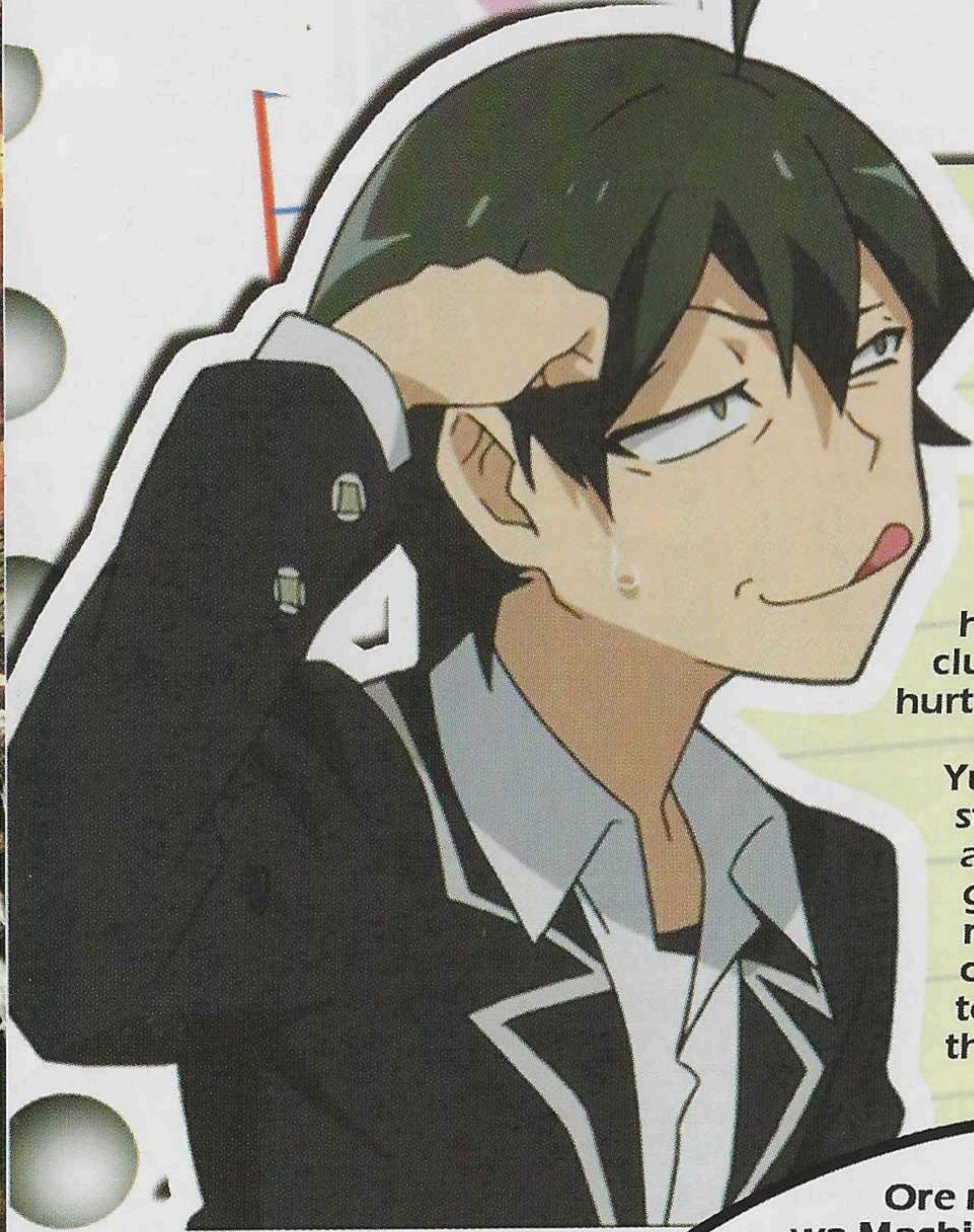
When this musical was announced, we were all wondering how Naruto will be musical? How will a combat and action anime will turn into musical. My jaws dropped when the cast in costume was released. They are so awesome. They really looked like the characters from Naruto plus the outfits really looked like that they are ninja's not just cosplaying plus the effect that they are dirty. Another best part was the musical was full of acrobatic scenes which made the musical more fun and interesting to watch. One of my favorite was when they were doing the wall climbing using the trampoline which was really cool. Another one was the Chidori vs Rasengan part. It really looked like real, I don't know how they did that but it was really awesome. Overall, the musical was great, from the stage production to casts, plus the casts must know how to sing, act, dance and do acrobatics. The musical has surpassed most of the fans expectations and thus hoping that the musical will be also come here in Philippines like in Macao, Malaysia and Singapore.



THE FRIEND THEY NEED BUT NOT THE ONE THEY DESERVE

By Reikisha

Yahari Ore no Seishun Love Come
Wa Machigatteiru. Zoku



Hachiman Hikigaya's pragmatic view of society and the ability to read behind every word and action is the result of his past experiences with people since childhood. Even after being forced to join the Service Club and has people who casually talk to him in school, he still considers himself as a loner. Because of this mindset, Hachiman always exclude himself in the equation whenever the club wishes to solve problems without hurting others. Or so he thinks...

Yukino Yukinoshita and Yui Yuigahama strongly disagree with his continuous acts of social suicide. As a result, it gradually caused a strain in their relationship both as friends and fellow club members. Will Hachiman stay true to his convictions even if it means losing the one and only bond he has?

Yahari
Ore no Seishun Love Come
wa Machigatteiru. Zoku is the sequel

to the first season that aired back in 2013. Oregairu Zoku will have a total of 13 episodes starting from April 2, 2015 with Studio Feel as the animation studio and will be directed by Kei Oikawa. The opening theme is "Harumodoki" by Nagi Yanagi and the ending is "Everyday World" by Saori Hayami and Nao Touyama.

Now that Oregairu Zoku shifted from Brain's Base to Studio Feel, the overall mood of the show changed into a melancholic one hiding under the pretense of "a humorous romance-comedy story". The upgraded artstyle and soundtrack fits perfectly with the ambiance Oregairu Zoku aims to show to the viewers. Hachiman has the most drastic change in his design among the characters so that it'll match with how the original novel described him.

Unlike the first season where the story focuses on character introduction, Zoku aims to show character development as the story progresses. Even the side characters that were briefly introduced back in season one are given more dialogue and screentime.

Here in Oregairu Zoku, we are able to see sides of characters we've never seen before, delve into the viewpoints of other characters, and even witness Hachiman slowly changing without realizing it himself. If you have already watched the first season, then watching Oregairu Zoku is a MUST for you!





CHARACTER BIO

written by Ren



YAHALLO!

Yui Yuigahama

Yahari Ore no Seishun Rabu Kome wa Machigatteiru

Birthday: June 16

Bloodtype: O

CV: Nao Touyama

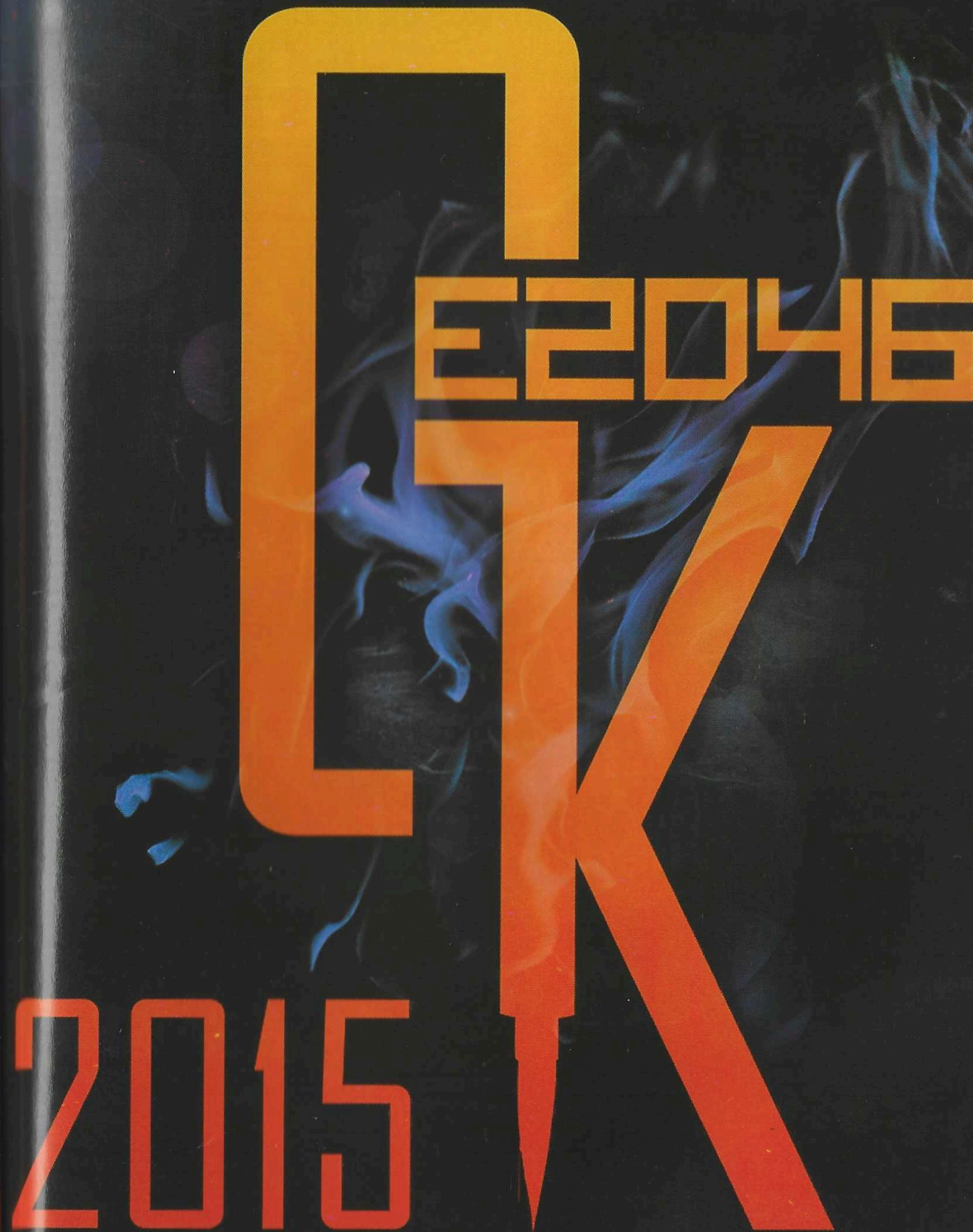
THE LOOKS

Yui has a shoulder length coral hair with a small portion that is formed to a bun with peach eyes to match her hair and fair skin. She's usually seen in their school uniform but she sports different attires throughout the series.

ABOUT YUI

Yui is an outgoing and cheerful girl who never loses her smile even she's sad. She becomes the Service Club's first customer through asking them for help to bake her some cookies for "someone". She then later on became the third member of the club. She doesn't have problems in terms of her personality but the problem is her inability to express herself because of her fear of losing friends, making her admire Yukino Yukinoshita and Hachiman Hikigaya for being able what to say what they think. She has this certain belief that talent is inborn therefore wanting to be like others in order to fit in until Yukino changed her way of thinking. One of her notable skills is that she's an expert in reading the mood and adjusting to it. Due to this and her fear of losing friends, she usually hides her real opinion about things and only says or does what others might want to hear. Despite from objections from Yukino, Yui starts to attend the Service Club sessions every after school hours. Her admiration and being drawn to Yukino and Hachiman are some of the reasons why she joined the club. Because of her experience in the club, she was able to speak what's on her head a bit more.

She developed feelings to Hachiman due to him saving her dog Sable on the first day of school.



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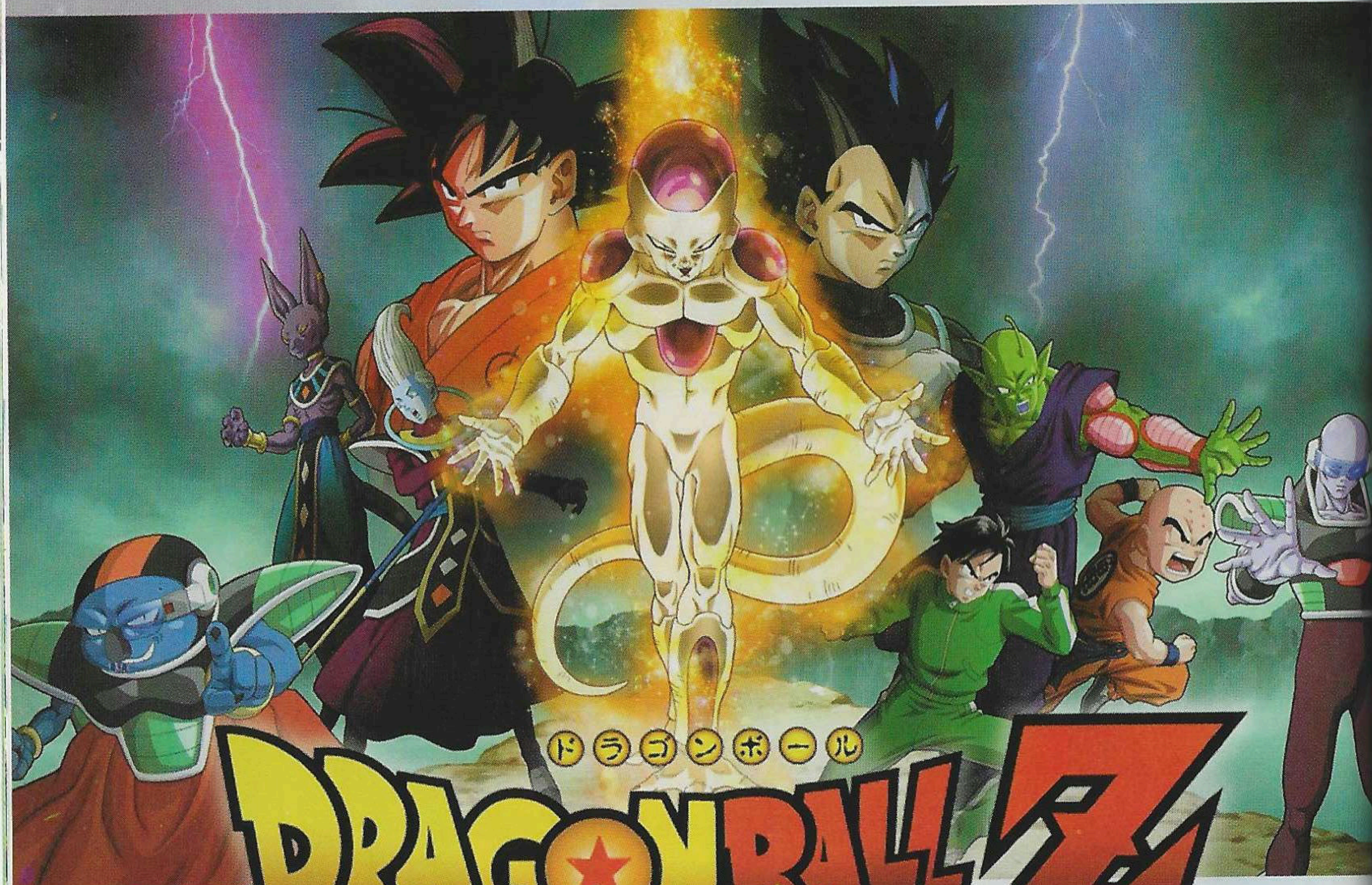
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MOVIE REEL

written by Rhaine

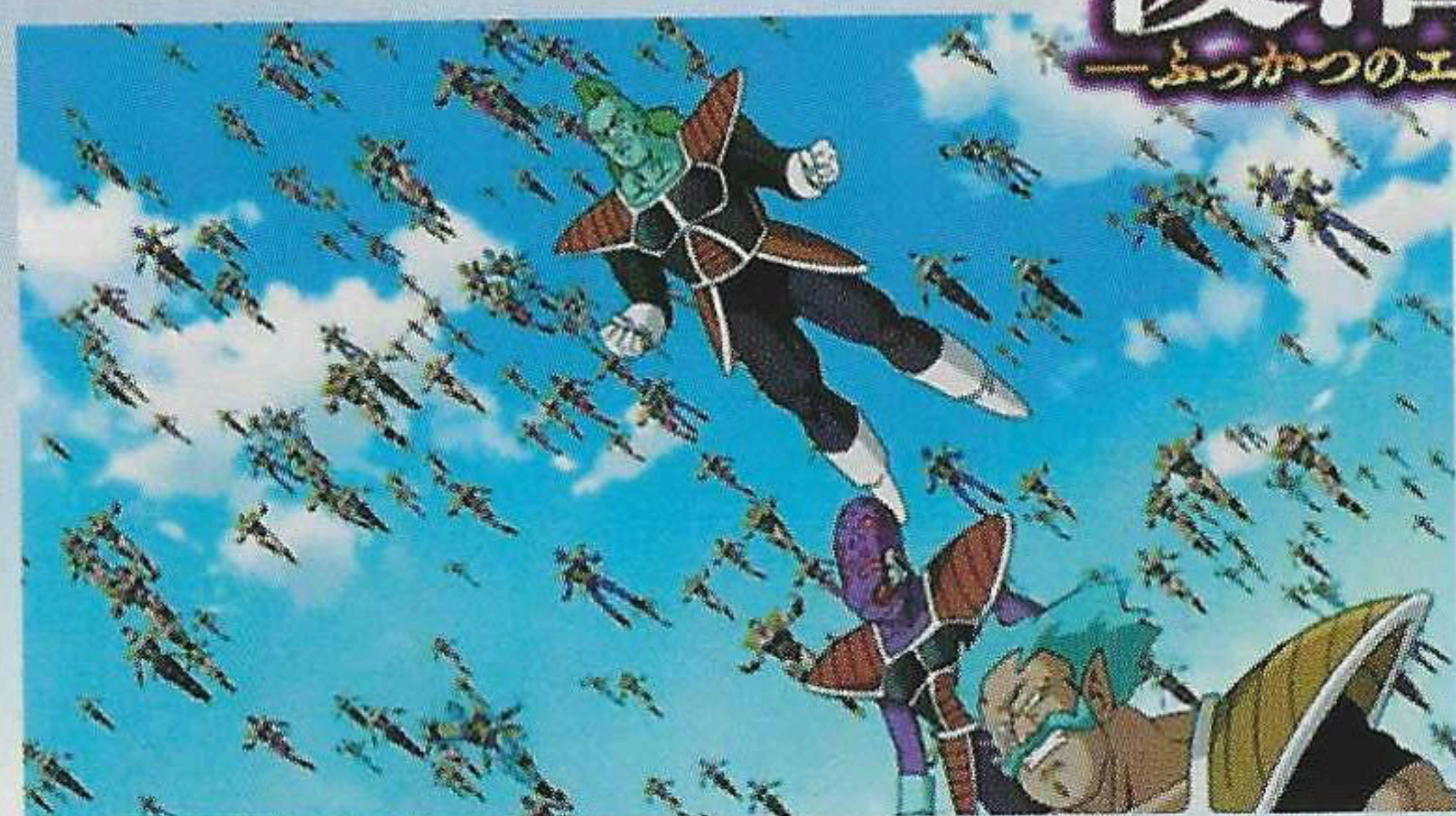
HE'S BACK... AND HE'S GOLDEN!



DRAGON BALL Z

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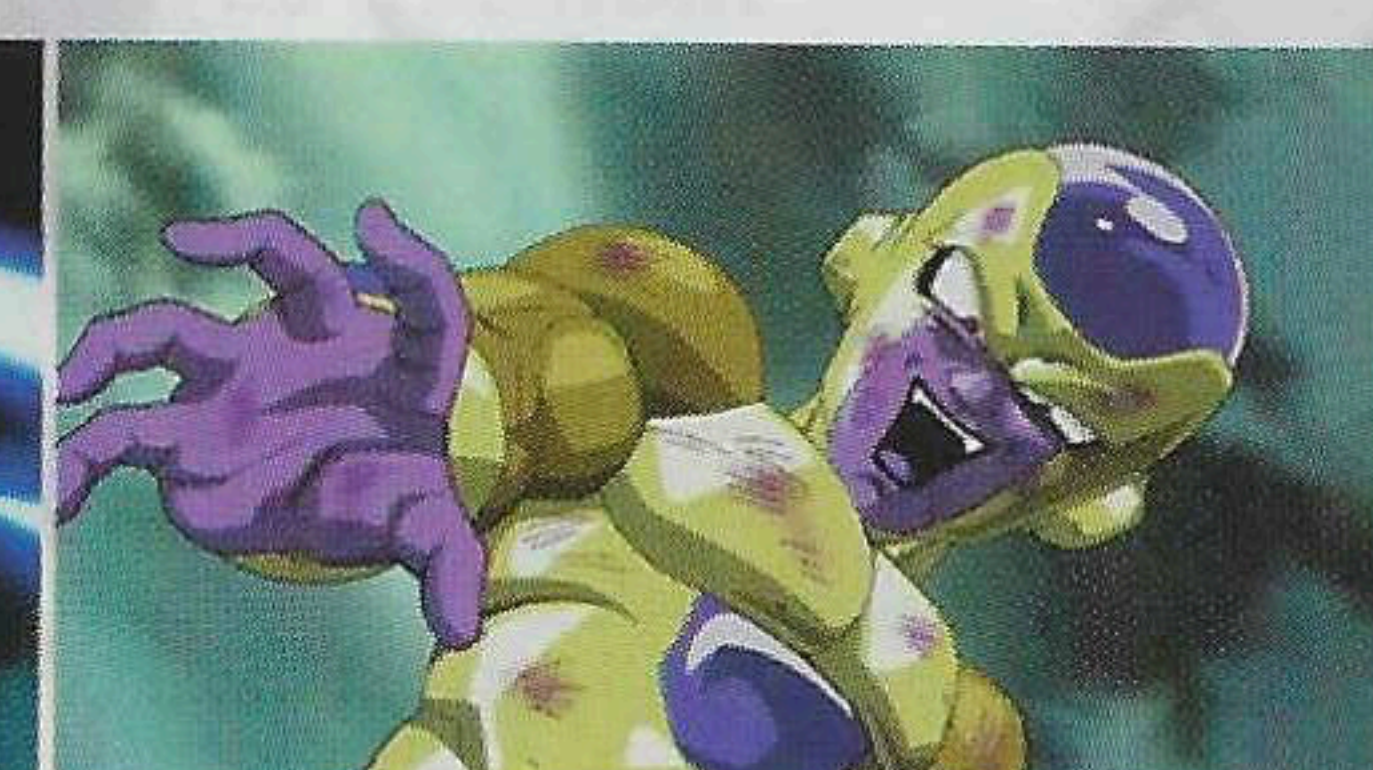


Guess who is back to take revenge? Yup, you saw it in the posters. One of the most hated childhood anime villains is resurrected (again). Frieza! In the big screen feature, Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection 'F', we shall witness another out-of-this-world battle between Frieza and our favourite childhood hero, Son Goku.



The story of Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection 'F' is set sometime after three years from Dragon Ball Z: Battle of Gods. Frieza's new servant gathered the Earth's dragon balls and uses them to resurrect the destructive alien. While recovering in space, Frieza trains and rebuilds his army for an attack on Earth to kill the two responsible for his defeat: Trunks and Goku. Of course, there is just one little problem with that: Trunks has long since returned to the future and Goku is on training with Vegeta in another planet and is out of his friend's contact. Only the remaining Z warriors clashes against Frieza and his army, in the hope that Goku will somehow arrive in time to help them and defeat the alien monster.

While in the series, new transformations were something rare—over the course of 291 episodes, only three major transformations were introduced. In the latest film, two new transformations for Goku will be seen, "Saiyan Beyond God" and "Super Saiyan God Super Saiyan".



Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection 'F' is the nineteenth anime film sequel of the Dragon Ball series, and is the second film personally supervised by the series creator Akira Toriyama, next to Battle of Gods (2013). The film's tentative title was Dragon Ball Z 2015 when it was originally announced in July 2014. Afterwards, the basic plot outline was unveiled in the January 2015 issue of V Jump. The movie will revolve around the return of a certain villain from the earlier seasons, as well as the God of Destruction Beerus and Whis from Battle of Gods. A promotional image released for the movie shows Frieza, Goku, Vegeta, Piccolo, Son Gohan, Kuririn, as well as the God of Destruction Beerus and Whis from the previous film Battle of Gods. Also featured in the image were two new characters that are servants of Frieza, Sorbet and Tagoma.

For the DBZ fans out there, Dragon Ball Z: Resurrection 'F' is a movie that you will surely enjoy a lot. A great combination of action, comedy, and fun new characters, the film will give you such nostalgia once the climactic battle begins. So ready your popcorns ready on June 10, 2015 at the SM Cinemas, as the legendary Dragon Ball cast will make their way into the giant screen. Let's all join forces with Goku as he charges...KA-ME-HA-ME-HAAAAAA!





ICE CREAM ON WHEELS

Everyone scream for ice cream! This treat is not just sweet and cuteness overload - it has a special place in the hearts of Filipinos, especially sorbetes that is now more popularly known as "dirty ice cream." Despite the distasteful name, sorbetes is actually a delectable treat brought to us by the sorbetero as he pulls his colorful wooden cart down the streets.

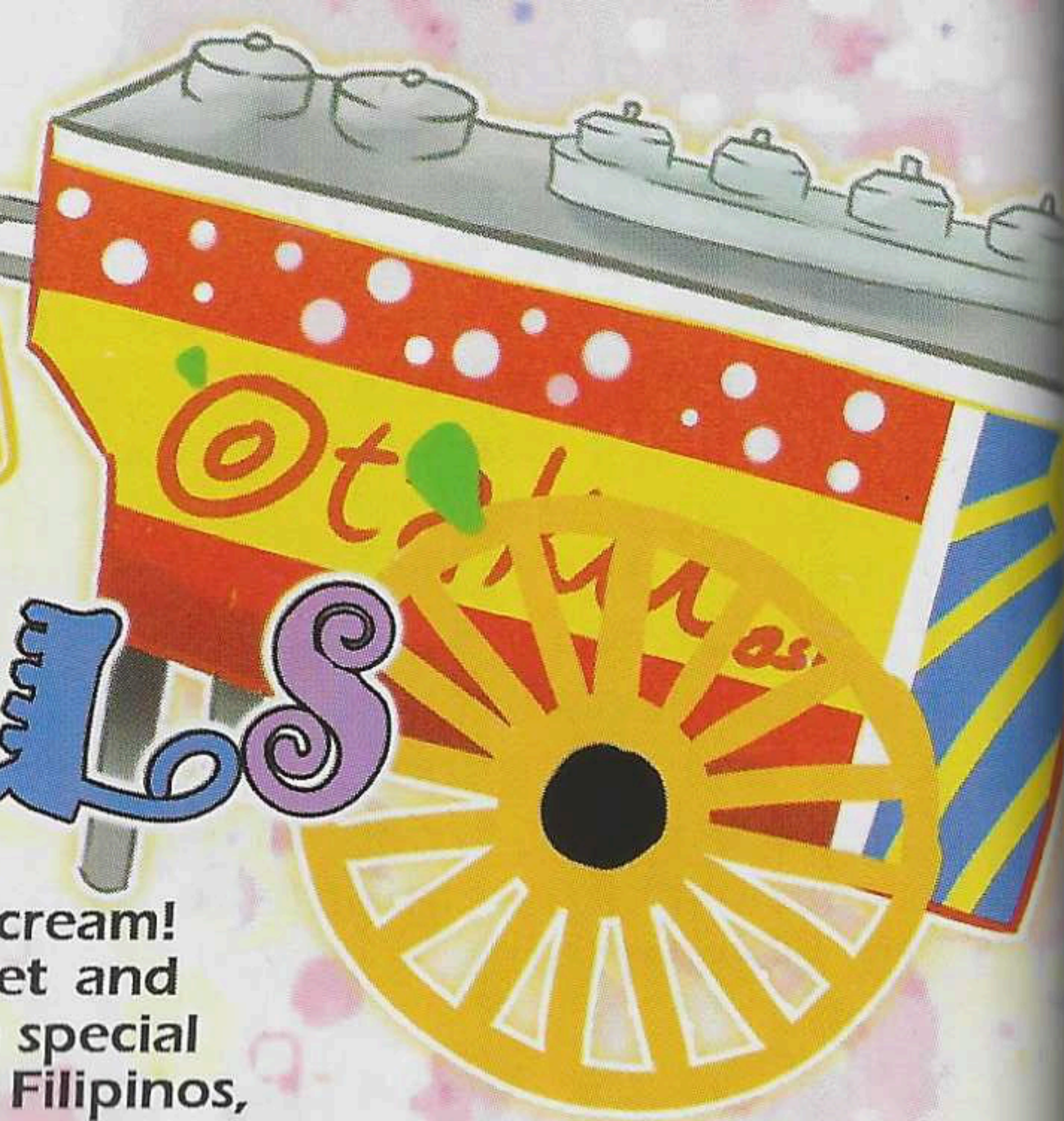
The name "dirty ice cream" is said to come from the warnings of mothers as they tell children that this food is unsafe because of its street-peddled origin. Such speculation is untrue, though, because the process of making sorbetes is based on the standards set by the government to ensure food safe for public consumption.

Ice cream was brought to us by the Americans around the 1920s after the introduction of refrigerators. During that time, carabao milk was used because it was cheaper than cow's milk. Later on, Filipinos decided that coconut milk had a better taste. With that, cassava flour and other ingredients were also added. Many various flavors have been developed, such as the common combination of chocolate, cheese, and ube; local fruit-flavors such as mango, avocado, buko, and jackfruit; and the more popular flavors from abroad such as cookies and cream and mocha.

Another fun fact about sorbetes sold on the streets is the way that it is coldly preserved despite the scorching heat of this tropical country. The secret is, of course, inside mamang sorbetero's wooden cart. In between the three canisters of ice cream is salt mixed in with shaved ice, lots and lots of it. This slows down the melting process.

At last, our favorite sweet and cold merienda is served based on how we prefer it. We can request to have only one flavor or combined scoops of all the flavors that mamang sorbetero has. Then, he places it in a sugar or wafer cone, a plastic cup, or even a bread bun!

So, once you hear that tingling bell in the afternoon heat, you know who's coming! Better prepare your coins and scream, "Manong, ice cream!"



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Going back to school can be nerve-wrecking at times, but the best part of it is - buying school supplies! Indeed, the boring papers and pencils have long been thrown out as more and more kawaii school supplies are available. Let's look at some of the items that should be on your to-buy list.

STAPELESS STAPLERS



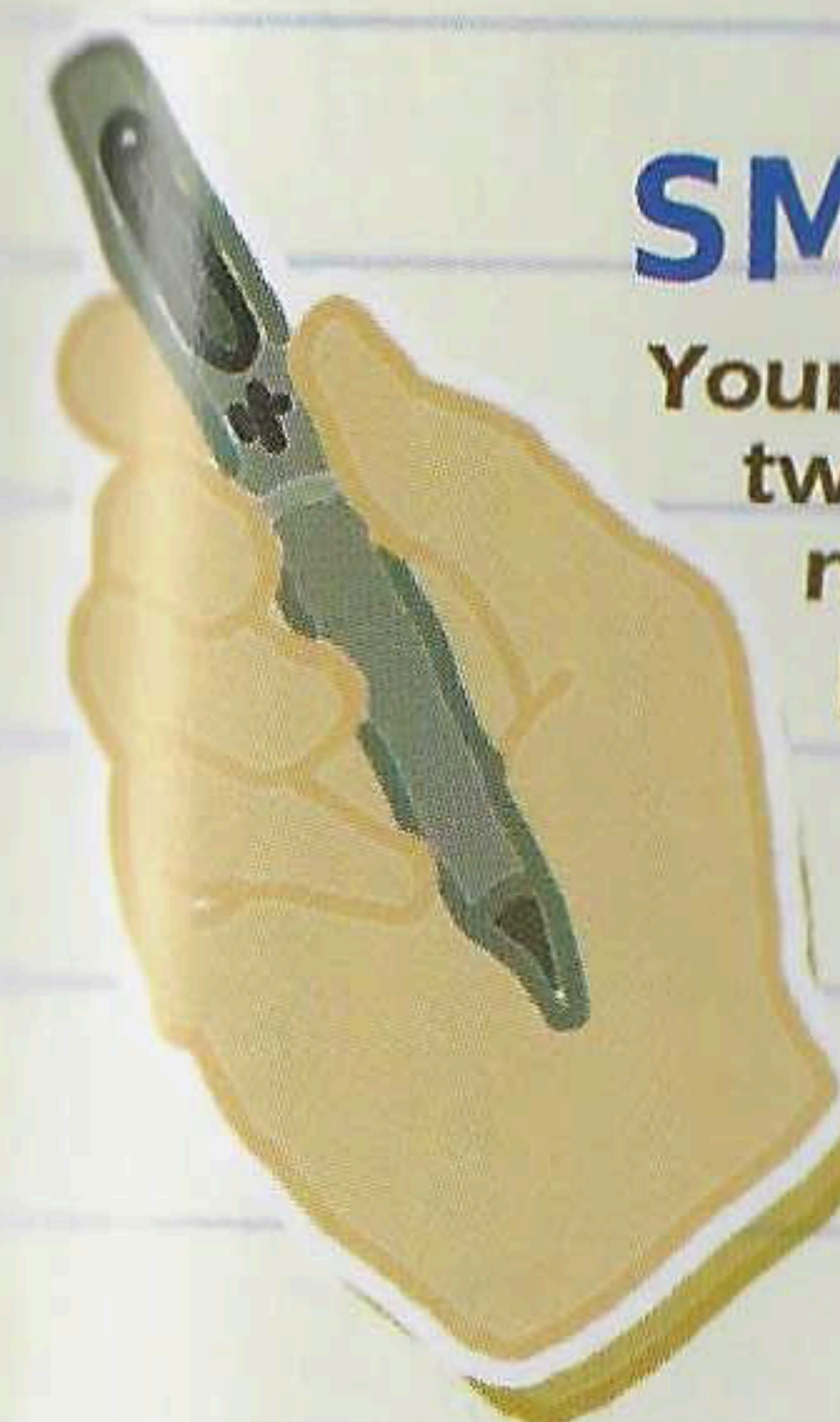
Everyone is familiar with the hassles of finding staples just the right size for your stapler and struggling to place them correctly only to get them jammed. These problems and tattered papers can now be eliminated by the Kokuyo S&T Co Ltd.'s Stapeless Stapler! It features a press-lock method in which the metal teeth bond the papers, sealing them together. While it can only hold five pages at most, it removes the need for a staple remover as the seal can be removed just by rubbing a hard object on the bonded part.

PAPER AIRPLANE PUSH PINS

Boring metal thumb tacks are given new life with a cute design that will remind you of your childhood days making paper airplanes. This item is not made of paper, though; instead, it's made from metal. As such, it is highly advisable that you don't throw them around like darts as someone may get hurt.



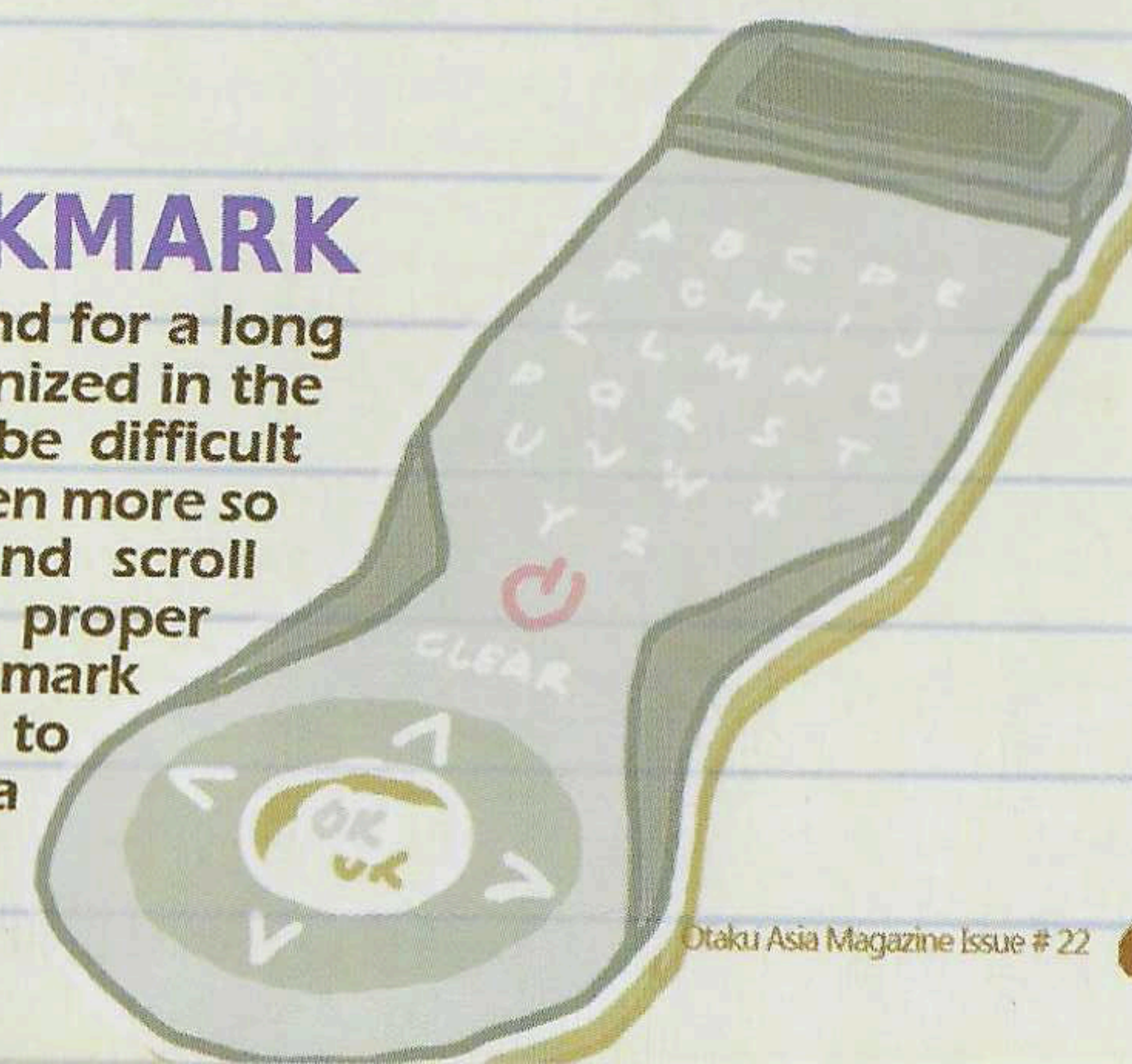
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Your ideas can now be stored beyond the paper and pen tandem as these two have made their way online. Through the smartpens and the special notebook it comes with, every line and every ink blot you place on the paper can be transmitted online using Bluetooth. What's even better is that you can keep track of the changes you've made within the paper as it records a history of how you went from one line to the next. Finally, each smartpen comes with an audio recording feature, which is really handy when you are reviewing previous lectures.

DICTIONARY BOOKMARK

Last in the list is an item that has been around for a long time but has not quite been popularly recognized in the Philippines. Reading books can sometimes be difficult when you stumble upon unfamiliar words, even more so when one has to pick up a dictionary and scroll through multitudes of words to find the proper meanings. This is where the dictionary bookmark comes in handy, literally, as you only have to press a few buttons to search for words. It is a product developed by That Company Called IF. It's cute, convenient, and compact!





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TYPE-MOON

written by Rhaine



One of the most outstanding in Japan's gaming industry, "Type-Moon", also known under the name "Notes", is best known for their visual novels. After the hype of their first visual novel "Tsukihime", Type-Moon began the production of the visual novel Fate/stay night. With the massive popularity of their works, both have been adapted into anime and manga series that have gathered a global fanbase.

Founded by artist Takashi Takeuchi and writer Kinoko Nasu, the company name Type-Moon actually came from one of Kinoko's older works, Angel Notes. In December 2000, Type-Moon released the eroge PC-based visual novel game Tsukihime, which sold extremely well and got its fame because of its elaborate plot and unique style of storytelling. Tsukihime was adapted into an anime series in 2003 named "Shingetsutan Tsukihime", which was produced by J.C.Staff.



In 2002, Type-Moon, released their first fighting game, "Melly Blood", a PC-based doujin game based on the Tsukihime universe. It became so popular that it was soon followed by an expansion, Melty Blood ReACT, released in May 2004. Type-Moon soon transitioned from a doujin soft organization to a commercial organization. In January 2004, they released their first commercial release, a PC-based eroge visual novel game, Fate/stay night. The game broke all records on its opening day and was later adapted into an anime series that aired 24 episodes on January 2006. A manga series has also been published since December 2005 in Shonen Ace (known for the manga adaptation of Neon Genesis Evangelion and Keroro Gunsou). F/SN: Unlimited Blade works and F/SN: Heaven's Feel, were the two other routes for FS/N respectively. A sequel to Fate/stay night, Fate/hollow ataraxia, was released on October, 2005. As of now, a new game titled Fate/Grand Order is under development, which is another epic expansion to their ever so popular Fate series.



Legendary, as we can describe them, Type-Moon still continues to give us endless awesomeness with their upcoming games. With a variety of remarkable plots and concepts, along with their incredible character designs, there is no doubt every anime lover has encountered and even loved a Type-Moon creation.

The Staff

Takashi Takeuchi - Co., Ltd. Representative
Director Notes. Producer, CG artist
Kinoko Nasu - Novelist, Screen writer
Kiyobee - Programmer
KATE - Sound Composer
OKSG(AYSG) - Website Designer
for Mobile Site, General chore
Hirokazu Koyama - CG Artist
BLACK - CG Artist
Takao Aotsuki - CG Artist
Monoji Tsukuri - Director, Script writer
Meteor Hoshizora - Screen writer
Shimokoshi - CG Artist
Sunadorineko - 3D Modeler



Notable works

Tsukihime
Tsukihime PLUS-DISC
Kagetsu Tohya
Melly Blood
Melly Blood Re-Act
Melly Blood Act Cadenza
Melly Blood Actress Again
Hana no Miyako
Fate/stay night
Fate/hollow ataraxia
Fate/Zero
Fate/tiger colosseum
Fate/unlimited codes

Fate/Extra
Fate/Extra CCC
Fate/Extra CCC Fox Tail
Fate/Prototype
Fate/Apocrypha
Fate/kaleid liner PRISMA ILLYA
Fate/school life
Fate/strange fake
Fate/Grand Order
Fate/stay night Comic Battle
All Around Type-Moon
Canaan
Clock Tower 2015

Clockwork canaan-vail
DDD
Fire Girl
Girls' Work
Kara no Kyoukai
Koha-Ace
Lord El-Melloi II Case Files
Mahou Tsukai no Yoru
Notes
Take Moon
The Room of the April Witch
Tsuki no Sango
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A Helping Hand for everyone



Support, Kindness, Encouragement, and Troubleshoot! SKET DANCE revolves around the misadventures of the "SKET" Dan (helper's club), with members Bossun, Himeko and Switch. A school club devoted with helping students and other people with problems they are involved in or are experiencing. A wacky bunch of friends who are always ready to help in problems such as romance life, finding lost items, boosting confidence, or even personal troubles. Unfortunately, only having 3 members in their club and due to its general lack of meaningful assignments, they are only known as a 'handymen group' and treated with widespread disapproval, especially from the school's Student Council.

Written and illustrated by Kenta Shinohara, Sket Dance was serialized in Weekly Shounen Jump since July 2007. The chapters have been published by Shueisha with the first being released on November 2, 2007. It has a total 288 chapters and 32 tankōbon volumes. An anime adaptation, produced by Tatsunoko Production, lasted 77 episodes with 1 OVA.

You might be thinking that this show is all about comedic antics that will make you laugh out loud. Wrong! Despite all the funny moments, some episodes will definitely hit you right in the "feels". There are episodes that will explain the back-stories of each of the 3 main characters, where they got their weird nicknames and how they ended up being a helping hand to others.



The series is full of surprises, yet always leaving you feeling satisfied at the end of every episode. For a Comedy anime, the length they go to keep the story continuity going is brilliant, bringing back old characters from earlier episodes and even having their own development. Even minor characters make appearance in each of the series' many catchy opening and ending songs, which makes it feel like you can care about everyone, no matter how big or small. There are also episodes which you will be seeing other characters from different anime, crossing over to SKET dance world.

If you are looking for a slice-of-life anime, this one is especially for you. A balance combination of good lessons in life with a hint of drama and lots of comedy in it, SKET dance will definitely keep you wanting to watch the next episode after another.



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MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

by John Robert Lim

KIDS ON THE SLOPE



Due to his father's job situation, model student Kaoru Nishimi is always on the move. Being the guy who constantly transfers schools, he became used to alienation from his ever-changing classmates. However, things start to change after he transfers into a school in Kyushu, where he meets the notorious school delinquent Sentaro Kawabuchi. While the two seemed polar opposites, they develop a friendship due to their common interest in music. The thing is, Kaoru realizes that this notorious classmate of his is into a kind of music that he himself hasn't gotten into before: Jazz music.

Kids on the Slope, also known as Sakamichi no Apollon, is an josei anime produced by MAPPA studio. It is an adaptation of Yuki Kodama's manga which ran for five years, from 2007 to January of 2012. The anime adaptation aired a little after the manga's end, spanning 12 episodes from April to June of 2012.

This is one show that provides a very unique viewing experience. Stories about friendships between two people are not rare in anime, but Kids on the Slope offers a different take by basing the entire narrative around the love for music. The development of the friendship between two very different individuals in Kaoru and Sentaro is truly a sight to behold.

True to its premise, the music in this series does not disappoint. It will not be too wrong to say that the music in itself is up there as one of the best things the show has to offer.

Let us look back and re-watch this coming-of-age story that no one should ever miss!

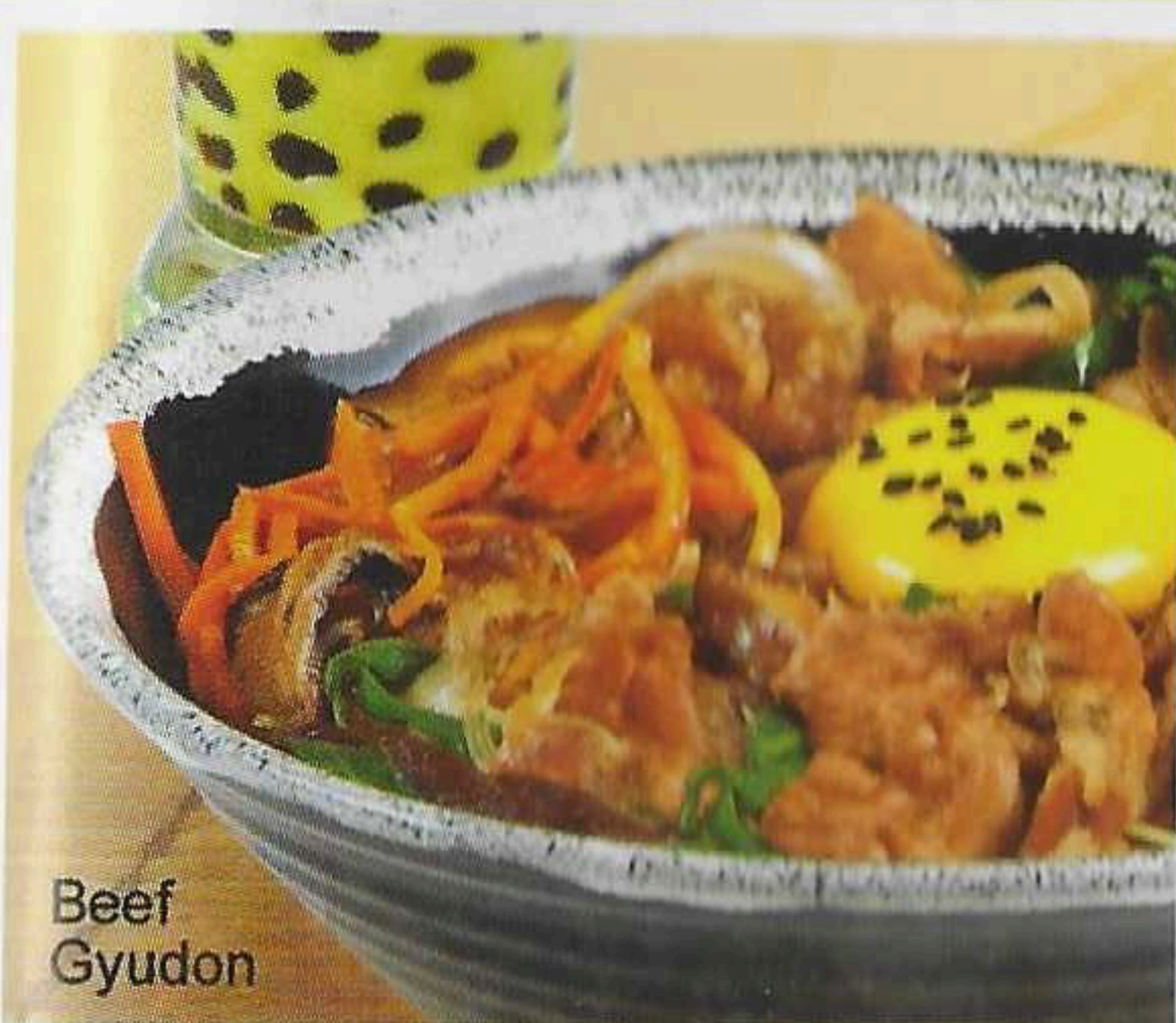


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